

The NSPS Certified Program is currently broken up into 6 modules-

Module 1	Area Operations and Risk Management
Module 2	Avalanche Rescue
Module 3	Emergency Care
Module 4	Rope Rescue and Lift Evacuation
Module 5	Skiing/Snowboarding
Module 6	Toboggan Handling

Each division's certification process is unique. There are 10 parts to the examination process which the Southern Division Certified Program uses to evaluate a candidate.

- A candidate has a 3 season interval within which to pass the 10 parts starting with their first exam.
- Once a part is passed it does not have to be reexamined within that 3 season interval.
- A candidate may be awarded an extension at the annual meeting under some circumstances (see Southern Division Certified Program Policies and Procedures).

Here is a brief outline of the Southern Division exam-

- 1 Ski/Snowboard  
5 tasks are assigned to the candidate.  
Including a mogel run and a patroller run.
- 2 Toboggan Handling  
Empty run  
Loaded handles  
Including traverses and mogels.
- 3 OEC Team Practical Scenarios  
A team of 3 will work 3 scenarios
- 4 OEC Bystander Scenario  
An individual candidate will work one scenario with the assistance of bystanders.
- 5 OEC Unresponsive Scenario  
An individual candidate will work one scenario involving an unresponsive patient.
- 6 OEC Objective Test  
The candidate must score at least a 90% on a standard OEC objective test.
- 7 Avalanche Interview  
Prepare and defend a travel plan which you have developed in response to a prepublished scenario.  
Discuss avalanche issues and demonstrate skills with instructor team.  
Find and retrieve an avalanche beacon within 2 minutes
- 8 Slope Safety Interview  
Discuss grooming, snowmaking, lifts, risk management and slope safety issues with instructor team.
- 9 Management Interview

Prepare and defend a resume, patrol budget, and patrol operations plan which you have developed in response to a prepublished scenario.  
Interview for the position of patrol director.

10 Lift Evacuation

Discuss and defend your Lift evac plan.  
Discuss and demonstrate skills and knowledge regarding lift evacuation.  
Teach selected skills associated with lift evacuation.  
Evacuate a chair.