



Certification Equivalencies for the Interpretive Guides Association Programs

Three Season Group Management Certification

The following list courses/certifications have been reviewed and deemed equivalent to the **Interpretive Guides Association 3-Season Group Management course**. Proof of completion may be submitted to obtain a Guide Identification Card.

- Outdoor Council of Canada – Field Leader (Hiking) certificate
- Outward Bound Canada Training Academy – Outdoor Leadership certification through the Foundations Alberta program
- Outward Bound – Outdoor Educator course
- Rando Québec – Niveau 1 Brevet d'encadrement en courte randonnée course
- Collège Mérici – Tourisme d'aventure et écotourisme

Four Season Group Management Certification

The following list courses/certifications have been reviewed and deemed equivalent to the **Interpretive Guides Association 4-Season Group Management course**. Proof of completion may be submitted to obtain a Guide Identification Card.

- University of Alberta – BSc degree in Physical Education
- Lakehead University – Outdoor Recreation degree
- Mount Royal University – Ecotourism and Outdoor Leadership diploma
- Laurentian University – Outdoor Adventure Leadership program
- Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (UQAC) – Baccalauréat en intervention plein-air
- Algonquin College – Outdoor Adventure diploma
- Cégep de la Gaspésie et des îles (Groupe Collegia) – Techniques du tourisme d'aventure or Guide d'aventure
- Cégep de Saint-Félicien – Guide en tourisme d'aventure et écotourisme
- College of the Rockies – Mountain Adventure Skills Training (MAST) certificate
- Yamnuska Mountain Adventures – Mountain Skills Semester (either 1 or 3-month course)
- Outdoor Council of Canada – Field Leader (Hiking) plus (Winter) certificates
- Cégep de Saint-Laurent – Guide en tourisme d'aventure



Four Season Professional Hiking Guide Certification

The following list courses/certifications have been reviewed and deemed equivalent to the **Interpretive Guides Association Professional Hiking Guide certification**.

Proof of completion may be submitted to obtain a Guide Identification Card.

- Thompson Rivers University – Adventure Guide Diploma, Adventure Sport Certificate. This meets the technical requirements, but applications must also obtain their IGA Apprentice Interpreter certification and maintain membership to meet equivalency.
- National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) – Outdoor Education Semester (OES) 10-day hiking course (as part of the 90-day semester program). This meets the technical requirements, but applications must also obtain their IGA Apprentice Interpreter certification and maintain membership to meet equivalency.