



ACMG

Training and Assessment Program

Hello and thank you for your interest in applying to the ACMG Training and Assessment Program (TAP).

As of April 30, 2018, the ACMG will be running the program for an undetermined period. For any courses beginning May 1, 2018, please use the following pages and application packages that are appropriate for your needs. If you have any questions, feel free to direct them to us at tap@acmg.ca.

If you have previously taken a course with the Canadian Mountain and Ski Guide Program at Thompson Rivers University, it is possible that we will not have your complete file and may request an update on your resume, letters of recommendations or other info.

Best of luck as you enter the guiding or climbing instructor paths.

The TAP Team

TAP APPLICATION PACKAGE

Winter Hiking Guide



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Winter Hiking Guide Application Package

Package Contents:

1. Program Description
2. Notice of Increased Risk
3. Application Information
4. Sample Format Winter Hiking Resume

To Register:

- Review the application package to confirm you meet the prerequisites
- Complete the online application form: [TAP Application Form](#)

Payment and Cancellation Policy

The course fee is due once you are formally accepted and registered into the course and must be paid in full.

The following policies are strictly enforced.

1. To receive a refund, the ACMG TAP office must receive notice of cancellation by e-mail or post a minimum of 4 weeks before the course start.
2. There are no refunds of any kind if you cancel after the 4 week deadline.
3. The no refund policy includes personal injury, illness, medical reasons, family emergency etc.
4. If the TAP cancels the course, all fee payments will be returned in full.

1. Winter Hiking Guide Course

This course will familiarize participants with risk management and client care in the context of winter hiking and camping.

The type of travel will depend on course location and conditions; participants should be prepared to use snowshoes (no cross-country skis). Although there is no field assessment participants will be required to pass a written exam.

Successful participants are “accredited” by the ACMG to lead hiking groups in winter conditions in class 1 or simple terrain (ATES) when the danger rating is low to considerable and in non-avalanche terrain when the danger is rated high to extreme.

The Assistant Hiking Guide certificate is a pre-requisite and participants must provide evidence of minimum winter hiking experience: 5 winter hikes and two nights winter camping.

2. Notice to Participants of Professional Guide Training Courses - Increased Risk

The ACMG provides training intended to develop professional skiing, climbing, hiking, rescue, and wilderness travel guides. To train professional guides it is necessary for students to participate in activities that have higher levels of risk than what may be considered reasonable by entry-level, intermediate, novice, commercial guiding, or recreational standards. This may include, but is not limited to activities such as: lead climbing where the climber places his or her own protective equipment, travel and decision making in avalanche terrain, climbing and rescue in a multi-pitch environment, driving program vehicles, hiking in unusually rough and remote terrain, stress from examination and grading processes, making route and hazard assessment decisions on behalf of other students, unsupervised activities; and continuing with an activity when it may not be considered reasonable by entry-level, intermediate, novice, commercial guiding, or recreational standards (for example, when fatigued, in inclement weather, or in high hazard conditions).

AT THE START OF EACH COURSE or EXAM YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A LEGAL RELEASE DOCUMENT (Waiver). YOU CAN VIEW A COPY ON-LINE. WE RECOMMEND YOU SEEK LEGAL ADVICE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

3. Application Information

Prerequisites Required Before You Can Apply

- ❖ You must be 19 years of age
- ❖ Have a current Advanced (80 hr.) First Aid and CPR certificate (Wilderness First Aid is preferred; however, OFA 3 will be accepted).
- ❖ Have attended an Avalanche Skills Training (AST) Level One course.
- ❖ Have your Assistant Hiking Guide certificate

To Apply You Must Submit

- ❖ Application form
- ❖ Copy of advanced first aid certificate. (If you will be taking your first aid course after the application deadline, attach confirmation of registration from the course provider with your application.)
- ❖ Proof of attendance at an Avalanche Safety Training (AST) Level One course.
- ❖ Resume of winter hiking and camping experience. (See attached resume format).
- ❖ References who are familiar with your winter hiking experience.
- ❖ Related experience and additional information you feel is pertinent.

Concerning Applications

Allow yourself adequate time to create a well-structured, organized, and complete application that arrives on time. Your application plays a significant role in whether you will be accepted into the program. Poorly organized applications or unformatted resumes jeopardize your acceptance as your background, skills and qualifications may not be clear and/or may compare unfavorably to other applications. Please retain a copy of your application for your records or in case of loss.

Application Deadline

Applications must be complete and received by the office by the application closing date. Late or incomplete applications may not be accepted.

Application deadlines, course dates and fees can be viewed online at www.acmg.ca or contact the Program Office at **403.679.9181**. Dates and fees are updated regularly and may change without notice.

Notification of Acceptance

All applicants will be notified of acceptance or rejection. Once accepted, the course fee becomes due immediately and must be paid in full to confirm placement.

If accepted and it becomes clear to the instructors that you are not at the standard indicated on your application, instructors have the right to remove you from further participation.

4. Sample Format for Winter Hiking Experience Resume

An experience resume can be set up in a spreadsheet format to conveniently list the types and styles of hikes. This presents relevant information in a concise format for the review committee. Please include nights winter camping. Feel free to include relevant experience that is beyond what is asked for if it will demonstrate greater depth of experience. You may include cross-country skiing, alpine ski touring and snowshoeing.

5 winter hikes and 2 nights camping

<i>Name of route/hike</i>	<i>area /range</i>	<i>month/year</i>	<i>comments</i>
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