



Wanting to take the AST 2 without having the AST 1?

How familiar are you with these topics?

- Avalanche types, sizes and terminology
- Understanding the effects of weather on snowpack (wind, snow, rain, sun, temp.) and recognizing these effects in the field
- Snow science (formation and significance of surface hoar, facets, depth hoar, rounds, crusts, temperature gradients)

- ATES (Avalanche Terrain Evaluation System) Simple, Challenging, Complex
- The North American Danger Scale
- Trip Planning (ATES vs. Danger rating, CAC Trip Planner Beta, MCR & other forums)
- Understanding the Public Avalanche Bulletin
- Using the Avaluator slope assessment tool

- Transceiver search (signal search, coarse search, fine search)
- Spiral probing technique
- Strategic shovelling (Conveyor Belt technique)
- Organized Group rescue

If you have a good grasp of most of these topics, and have spent some time touring in backcountry snow conditions then you are eligible for the AST 2

If not, then the AST 1 is recommended first