

ASCEND 2026 - Leadership and Development

Safety culture is built and sustained by instructors, and their judgment and teaching habits are shaped by the leadership and mentorship they receive. This roundtable covers developing CFIs into leaders: identifying traits that signal leadership and mentorship potential in instructional staff, coaching that reinforces standardized ADM and risk-management instruction across a CFI team, and building a succession path so safety practices persist through instructor turnover. Attendees will leave able to spot leadership and mentorship potential in their instructors, apply coaching that standardizes ADM and risk-management instruction, structure a mentorship or succession path, and evaluate how instructor leadership reduces inconsistency in the safety judgment passed on to students.

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