

## Level 1 — Foundation Accreditation

### Updated Learning Objectives (with Homework Requirements)

#### Level 1 – Foundation (Stadium Commentary)

The minimum accreditation focused on live, in-stadium audio description. Commentators are trained to deliver clear, neutral descriptions of on-field action for fans who are blind or those with low vision.

#### Learning Objectives

A Level 1 graduate will be able to:

##### 1. Understand the Purpose and Principles of ADC

- Explain what ADC is, who it serves, and how it enhances accessibility.
- Describe the differences between traditional commentary and professional ADC.
- Demonstrate an understanding of neutrality, objectivity, and audience trust.

##### 2. Demonstrate Core Descriptive Skills

- Apply clear, concise, sequential description of visual action.
- Prioritize visual information using a structured hierarchy (near → mid → far field).
- Maintain appropriate pacing, tone, breath control, and delivery consistency.
- Identify and avoid opinion, speculation, metaphor, or emotional commentary.

##### 3. Adapt Description to Multiple Sports

- Recognize pacing differences between Soccer (continuous flow), NFL (bursts of action), and MLB (cadence and pauses).
- Describe game-specific movements, spatial changes, and transitions.

##### 4. Use Accessible Language and Ethical Best Practices

- Use language that is inclusive, neutral, precise, and respectful.
- Apply ethical standards for broadcast accessibility and fan engagement.

##### 5. Deliver Real-time Descriptive Segments

- Demonstrate control of pacing, accuracy, neutrality, and prioritization.
- Receive feedback against the Level 1 Performance Rubric.

#### Level 1 Homework Requirement (Mandatory for Accreditation)

After the classroom session and live assessment, candidates must complete a series of 5 graded homework assignments over 4-8 weeks. Each assessment is completed and graded and the next assessment assigned. All must be passed to achieve accreditation.

#### Purpose and Format of Homework Assignments

The homework phase ensures:

- Consistent application of Level 1 principles
- Demonstrated improvement through practice
- Show readiness for Level 2
- Professional repeatability of descriptive quality

## Structure

- Delivered via online portal
- Each assignment features a 20-minute video clip requiring a recorded ADC response
- Candidates submit a recorded ADC performance + short written prep notes

## Assessment Criteria

Each submission is graded on:

- Neutrality and Accuracy
- Pacing and Breath Control
- Visual Prioritization and Structure
- Vocabulary Precision and Clarity
- Consistency Across All Assignments

## Accreditation Decision

To earn Level 1 Accreditation, candidates must:

- Complete all 5 assignments
- Achieve a consistent high standard
- Demonstrate continuous improvement
- Show readiness for Level 2 work under instructor review

Candidates who meet the standard receive the Level 1 Foundation Accreditation.

Those who exceed it are invited to enroll in Level 2 Advanced Accreditation.