

FAQ for Vertical Fusion Pole Level Restructuring

1. Why is the curriculum being restructured? We are restructuring the curriculum to better align with the pole industry, provide more manageable progressions, make the transition smoother for studio transfers, and introduce a Pro Track for advanced practitioners who want to reach their fullest potential. This change ensures every student has the tools they need for success at each stage of their journey.

2. What are the new levels in the curriculum? The new levels are:

- Intro
- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Level 4
- Level 5
- Pro Track

3. How does this impact my current training level? Here is a breakdown of how your current level translates to the new structure:

- **Intro:** Expanded to include foundational Beginner content such as aerial spins with leg(s) anchored to the pole and beginner skills for mounting the pole (for climbing).
- **Beginner:** After one is proficient in mounting the pole (for climbing), they can start taking level 1 classes where the actual skills for climbing will be taught in addition to the rest of our existing beginner curriculum and a handful of Novice moves that were moved to Beginner/Level 1.
- **Novice:** This level will span Level 2 and 3. The bulk of the current Novice curriculum will be taught in Level 2. Higher level Novice skills will be taught in level 3 with lower level Intermediate skills.
- **Intermediate:** Our current Intermediate curriculum will span levels 3 and 4 with the bulk of the curriculum being in level 4.
- **Advanced:** Very little change to advanced level so it is mostly a straightforward transition to Level 5.
- **Pro Track:** Introduces a differentiation between Advanced/Level 5 skills and the most advanced pole skills considered to be “professional” or “elite” level.

4. Will I have to retake material I already know? One will not have to be reassessed on levels already completed/passed with a formal assessment, however, because of the new structure, approval may be required to attend certain levels as follows:

- Current Beginner Level Students can attend Level 1 classes if they can proficiently mount the pole for climbing and/or have started basic climbing.
- Current Novice Level Students can attend Level 1 and Level 2 classes without advanced approval.
- Current Novice Level Students can attend Level 3 classes with approval; it is expected that students have learned beginner aerial skills and can demonstrate them proficiently from the ground (i.e. Jasmine, Genie, Daphne, Straddle-V Sit, Sitting Pretty, Russian Fish, K-sit, Birdcage, Hood Ornament)
- Current Intermediate Level Students can attend Level 3 classes without advanced approval and can attend Level 4 classes with proficiency in aerial skills (without inverting) such as Jasmine to Flatline, Jasmine to Outside Leg Hang, Jasmine to Gold Digger, Jasmine to Inverted Crucifix, Leg Hang Switches, and similar beginner aerial skills from a climb and cast.
- Current Intermediate Level Students can attend Level 4 classes if approved to start training basic inverts.
- Current Advanced Level Students can attend Level 5 classes without advanced approval.

If you're not sure what level is the best fit, contact your studio owner/manager.

6. What if I am on the cusp of testing out of a level? Test out readiness should be consistent with old levels except for Novice. If you were on the cusp of testing out of Novice, contact your studio owner to schedule an assessment to determine if you are ready to join Level 3.

7. What is the Pro Track? The Pro Track is a new addition that is still being fully developed but the purpose is to implement a level designed for students aiming to master advanced techniques, choreography, and competition-level skills.

8. How will I know which new level I belong to? Refer to number 4 above and if your situation is one that requires it, consult with your studio owner/instructor(s) for guidance or to schedule an assessment.

9. When will the new curriculum take effect? The new curriculum will be implemented in phases starting January 2025 but the timeline for the rollout will vary by location. This change will require a significant amount of time and effort to update schedules, staffing, resources, and media platforms. Each location will provide their individual timeline and

status updates so continue to attend the classes appropriate for your level according to the old structure until further notice.

10. Who can I contact if I have questions? Feel free to reach out to your studio owner/manager for the best guidance and timeline.