Instructor Course Fact Sheet

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Introduction

The SDI Instructor course is designed to teach current Divemasters or Assistant Instructors the knowledge to safely function as an open water scuba instructor. This program is divided into two sections, an instructor development course (IDC) and an instructor evaluation course (IEC).

Qualifications of Graduates

Upon successful completion of this course, graduates may teach the SDI Open Water Scuba Diver, Advanced Adventure Diver Specialty, Rescue Diver, Divemaster and Assistant Instructor courses. Additionally, with extra preparation, graduates may also teach TDI and ERDI courses (for more information, discuss this option with your Instructor Trainer).

Student Prerequisites

1. Minimum age: 18 years old
2. Certified diver for a minimum of 6 months
3. Provide proof of 100 logged dives completed in a number of different environments with varying depths
4. Be certified as a SDI Divemaster, SDI Assistant Instructor, or equivalent.
5. Provide proof of current CPR, first aid and oxygen provider, where local law permits (**Note**: SDI CPROX, CPR1st or CPROX1st with AED courses may be combined with the IDC program by qualified instructors)

Duration of Course

1. The minimum number of hours under direct supervision for the SDI IDC is 40 hours
2. The minimum number of hours under direct supervision for the SDI IEC is 10 hours
3. A minimum of 100 hours is required for the entire course; 40 hours from the Divemaster or Assistant Instructor course may be credited at the discretion of the instructor trainer or IT staff instructor. Fifty hours of training must occur under the direct supervision of a current SDI Instructor Trainer or IT Staff Instructor.

Required Skill Performance and Graduation Requirements

Required Skill Performance for IDC, the student will:

1. Present a minimum of
   a. Five classroom presentations
   b. Three lessons in confined water
   c. Three lessons in open water
2. Show preparation, planning and control in
   a. Dive management
   b. Diving activities
3. Perform, to demonstration quality, one complete rescue scenario
4. Perform a 10-minute survival-float without the use of swimming aids
5. 400 meter swim on the surface, non-stop, any stroke, without the use of swimming aids, in less than 10 minutes; swim goggles permitted
6. 800 meter swim with mask, snorkel, and fins non-stop without the use of arms in less than 17 minutes
7. Bring a diver, simulating unconsciousness, up from depth, not greater than 6 meters/20 feet; at the surface swim them 100 meters in less than 4 minutes

Pool/ confined water

1. Candidates must perform, to demonstration quality, all skills listed in the SDI Open Water Scuba Diver Course
2. Pool/confined water problem solving

Open Water
1. In open water candidates must perform, to demonstration quality, all skills listed in the SDI Open Water Scuba Diver Course
2. Open water problem solving

Required Skill Performance for IEC, the student must:
1. Present a minimum of
       a. One classroom presentation, minimum time 15 minutes in duration
       b. One full lesson in confined water
       c. One full lesson in open water

2. The evaluating instructor trainer must verify all required subjects were covered and skills were performed

In order to complete this course, the student is required to pass all the following:
1. Satisfactorily complete the SDI Instructor written exam and/or online equivalent
2. Complete all water requirements
3. Demonstrate mature and sound judgment concerning class planning and execution

Cost of the Course
For information regarding the cost and availability of the IDC and/or the IEC, contact Eric Brooks (Instructor Trainer #8699) at ProTech Scuba LLC.