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This course will take you through your academic training, and your confined water (pool) training.

PADI instructors at dive shops and resorts throughout the world certify 70% of the world's divers. The PADI Open Water Course consists of three parts, classroom, confined water (pool) training, and four (4) open water training dives. Upon completion of all parts you will be certified as a PADI open water diver. This beginning certification is recognized in the US, Caribbean, and around the world. The student must pass and complete each segment before certification is given.

The PADI open water diver course builds upon the concept of performance based learning. This means student diver progress through the course by demonstrating they meet measurable learning objectives. The course's instructional design sequences these objectives from simple to complex, so students build upon previous learning as they progress.

1. Knowledge Development (Classroom Training)

The knowledge development portion establishes a foundation of principles, procedures and general information divers need. Each of which is accomplished through independent study with the PADI open water diver manual. You answer exercise questions within the reading, and complete a knowledge review for each chapter that is completed. The instructor then reviews each "chapter" and "knowledge review" in a classroom setting. Students demonstrate mastery by completing the appropriate PADI quiz for each chapter then take a comprehensive final exam. Students must pass the quizzes and final exam by 70% or better.

2. Confined Water Dives

Confined water training serves two purposes. First, it establishes the basic skills that all divers need (or may need in the unlikely event of a problem) in a relatively low stress environment. Second, it reinforces and supplements knowledge development training by having the student divers practice and apply what they learn from reading the manual. At registration I issue you a DVD; the DVD gives you an idea of what takes place in confined water and open water training. I instruct the confined water training in two three-hour sessions.

3. Open Water Dives

The final segment to certification is the open water dives. The open water dives (typically four dives over two days) complete the integration of the principles learned in knowledge development, and the skills learned in the confined water training. You apply both in the open water dive environment by practicing skills mastered in the confined water dives, students continue to learn as they use these skills in the open water.

Although we cannot guarantee you will pass all areas to become an open water scuba diver, I will do everything in my power and ability to help you achieve your goal. As long as you have the desire I will see you through any difficulties. Unfortunately we cannot refund any fees if you fail or are unable to complete any portion of the course. If you fail or are unable to complete the training you have up to one year to complete your training without additional charge.

Registration

To register for your training you must meet with me to pay your fees, receive your training materials, complete a few forms including your medical history. I will review what you need to do prior to our first class date, what equipment you need to purchase, and answer any questions you may have..

NOTE: If any “yes” answers are indicated on your Medical History you must get written clearance from your physician prior to any confined water training. I will give you the forms for your physician to complete.

Classroom and Pool Training

Thirteen hours of classroom and pool training, combined with a small group size, assures a thorough and enjoyable training program. We need at least four (4) students in order to hold a class. In some cases you may need to change your training to the next class.

Open Water Training

Local – From May through October open water training can be done at a nearby lake. Your training will consist of four dives completed over a two-day period, usually Saturday and Sunday.

Referrals – If you are successful with your classroom and pool training, I will issue you a student referral to take with you to your open water instructor. Your open water can be completed with any PADI Instructor throughout the world. Fees for your open water training are set by the dive facility or resort you travel to. Your open water dives must be done within 12 months after completion of your knowledge and confined water training.