

10. Scubility Instructor Upgrade Program

10.1 Introduction

The SDI 'Scubility' upgrade program is for those students who have successfully completed the SDI Scubility Dive Buddy program and have gone on to complete a recognized scuba instructor certification course. SDI feels that having learned the program once the new instructor needs only to be updated on the training aspect of teaching divers with medical conditions and physical disabilities.

10.2 Who May Teach

1. An active SDI Scubility Instructor Trainer

10.3 Qualifications of Graduates

Upon successful completion of this course, graduates may:

1. Upon successful completion of this course, graduates are able to teach the full range of SDI Scubility courses.

10.4 Student to Instructor Ratio

Academic

1. Unlimited, so long as adequate facility, supplies and time are provided to ensure comprehensive and complete training of subject matter

Confined Water (swimming pool-like conditions)

1. A maximum of 8 students per instructor trainer
2. Instructors have the option of adding 2 more students with the assistance of an active SDI Scubility Instructor for a total of 10 students

Open Water (ocean, lake, quarry, spring, river or estuary)

1. A maximum of 8 students per instructor trainer are allowed; it is the instructor trainer's discretion to reduce this number as conditions dictate
2. Instructor trainers have the option of adding 2 more students with the assistance of an active SDI Scubility Instructor for a total of 10 students

10.5 Student Prerequisites

1. Minimum age 18
2. Provide proof of
 - a. SDI Scubility Dive Buddy certification
 - b. Current CPR and first aid certification
 - c. Current SDI Open Water Scuba Diving Instructor

10.6 Course Structure and Duration

Course Structure

1. SDI allows instructors to structure courses according to the number of students participating and their skill level.

Duration:

1. The suggested number of training hours is 8

10.7 Administrative Requirements

Administrative Tasks:

1. Collect the course fees from all the students
2. Ensure that the students have the required equipment
3. Communicate the schedule to the students
4. Have the students complete the:
 - a. *SDI Liability Release and Express Assumption of Risk* Form
 - b. Submit the *SDI Medical Statement* Form signed by a licensed physician

Upon successful completion of the course the instructor must:

1. Issue the appropriate SDI certification by submitting the appropriate *SDI Dive Leader Registration* form and other required paperwork to SDI Headquarters

10.8 Required Equipment

1. Basic open water scuba equipment for diving leaders as described in section 2 of this manual

10.9 Required Subject Areas

The *SDI Scubility Instructor Guide* is available for this course. Instructors may use any additional text or materials that they feel help present these topics. Instructor Trainers are required to teach the following topics:

1. Training
 - a. Confined Water
 - b. Open Water
 - c. Academic
 - d. Liability and related legal considerations
2. Marketing
 - a. Course structure
 - b. Target clients
3. Standards
 - a. Scubility course requirements and standards

10.10 Required Skill Performance and Graduation Requirements

1. Required skills performance
 - a. Show preparation and planning for:
 - b. Academic lessons
 - c. Confined water training
 - d. Open water training
2. Complete one:
 - a. Academic session for a paraplegic diver
 - b. Confined water training session with sight impaired or paraplegic diver (real or simulated)
 - c. Open water training session for a sight impaired or paraplegic diver
3. Be seen having fun and enjoying teaching