

1. Specialty Overview Matrix

	Specialty Name	Minimum Age	Number of required dives	Student to Instructor Ratio in Open Water	Prerequisite Certification or Requirements	Certification Card must be issued by SDI
4	Advanced Adventure Diver	10	5	8 or lower-see chosen specialties	Open Water	Yes
5	Advanced Buoyancy Control	10	2	8	Open Water	Yes
6	Air Fill Station Technician	18	None	N/A	N/A	Yes
7	Altitude Diver	10	2	8	Open Water	Yes
8	Boat Diver	10	2	8	Open Water	Yes
9	Computer Diver	10	2	8	Open Water	Yes
10	Computer Nitrox Diver (22-40%)	10	None	N/A	Open Water or enrollment in Open Water Diver course	Yes
11	Deep Diver	10	2	4	Open Water	Yes
12	Diver Propulsion Vehicle Diver	15	2	2	Open Water	Yes
13	Drift Diver	10	2	8	Open Water	Yes
14	Dry Suit Diver	12	2	4	Open Water	Yes
15	Equipment Specialist Diver	10	None	N/A	N/A	Yes
16	Full Face Mask Diver	15	2	8	Open Water	Yes
17	Ice Diver	18	2	2	Open Water	Yes
18	Marine Ecosystems Awareness Diver	10	2	8	Open Water	Yes

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19	Night/Limited Visibility Diver	10	2	4	Open Water	Yes
20	Research Diver	15	2	8	Open Water	Yes
21	Search and Recovery Diver	15	2	8	Open Water	Yes
22	Shore/Beach Diver	10	2	8	Open Water	Yes
23	Sidemount Diver	15	2	8	Open Water	Yes
24	Solo Diver	21	2	8	AOW and 100 Dives	Yes
25	Underwater Hunter and Collector Diver	10	2	8	Open Water	Yes
26	Underwater Navigation Diver	10	2	8	Open Water	Yes
27	Underwater Photographer Diver	10	2	8	Open Water	Yes
28	Underwater Video Diver	10	2	8	Open Water	Yes
29a	Wreck Diver - No penetration	10	2	8	Open Water	Yes
29b	Wreck Diver - Limited Penetration	15	3	8 - 2 during penetration	Open Water	Yes
30	Visual Inspection Procedure (VIP)	18	None	N/A	N/A	Yes