6. Non-Diving Specialty Instructor

6.1 Introduction

The SDI Non-Diving Specialty Instructor course is designed to teach members of the scuba diving industry such as: store owners, service technicians, etc the knowledge to safely function as an independent instructor of the non-diving specialties listed below:

1. Visual Inspection Procedures

2. Other non-diving specialties, i.e., unique specialties offered by SDI (subject to headquarters' approval).

3. SDI Snorkeling.

In order to become an instructor for one of the above courses, a candidate must be certified by a qualified instructor trainer or Course Director; experience-based upgrades are not available.

Instructors who hold equivalent certifications with a recognized agency and wish to cross over as a non-diving specialty instructor may do so by applying via current instructor crossover procedures.

6.2 Qualifications of Graduates

Upon successful completion of this course, graduates may:

1. Teach the appropriate SDI Non-diving specialty.

Note: The candidate may be certified to teach multiple specialties at once, provided all corresponding prerequisites and graduation requirements are met and the instructor trainer or Course Director conducting the courses is qualified at all levels.

6.3 Who May Teach

An Active SDI Instructor Trainer or SDI Course Director who is qualified to teach the instructor level specialty the candidate will be teaching after graduation.

6.4 Student to Instructor Ratio

Academic:

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

Confined Water (swimming pool-like conditions) - for snorkeling only:

1.   16:1.

Open Water (ocean, lake, quarry, spring, river, or estuary) - for snorkeling only:

1.   10:1.

6.5   Student Prerequisites

1.   Minimum age 18 unless otherwise specified in specialty standard.

2.   Affiliated with an SDI Facility.

3.   Minimum of 1 year experience at the provider level for the specialty which will be taught after graduation.

4.   Meet all prerequisites for the corresponding instructor level specialty they will teach after graduation, except any assistant instructor or instructor requirements.

5.   Provide proof of current First Response Adult and Child Emergency Care Provider and Oxygen Administration Provider (where local law permits) certification or equivalent. *

* **Note**: First Response courses may be combined with the Non-Diving Specialty Instructor course by qualified instructors.

6.6   Course Structure and Duration

Duration:

1.   A minimum of 20 hours for the entire course; 15 hours must occur under the direct supervision of a current instructor trainer or Course Director.

6.7   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

Upon successful completion of the course the instructor trainer must:

1. Issue the appropriate SDI certification by submitting the *SDI Diver trLeader Registration* Form to SDI Headquarters or registering the students online through member's area of the SDI website.

6.8   Training Material

Each candidate must have a set of required materials to be used during and after training.

Required Material:

1. *SDI Standards and Procedures* Manual.

2. *SDI Instructor Trainer* Manual – for conducting CD or IT.

3. *SDI Instructor* Manual.

4. Any materials required by current standards for the specialty being taught after graduation.

6.9   Required Equipment

Basic open water scuba equipment as described in section three of this manual.

6.10   Required Subject Areas

Instructors may use any additional text or materials that they feel help present these topics.

The following topics must be covered.

1. SDI Standards and Procedures.

2. History of SDI.

3. Products and Procedures:

    a. How to place an order.

    b. Registration procedures.

    c. Yearly renewals.

    d. Liability and insurance.

4. Risk Management:

    a. Waivers and releases.

    b. Filling out an accident/incident report.

5. Methods of Instruction:

    a. Teaching theory, methods and oral communications.

6. Lesson preparation:

    a. In classroom.

    b. Confined water Snorkeling only.

    c. Open water; Snorkeling only.

    d. Use of training aids.

    e. Home study program, use of knowledge quest.

7. Successfully Selling Courses:

    a. Budgeting courses.

    b. Recruiting students.

    c. Organizing and scheduling a course.

    d. Retail sales.

8. Instructor Ethics.

9. All course content for the specialty the candidate will be teaching after graduation.

6.11 Required Skill Performance and Graduation Requirements

In order to complete this course, the student is required to pass all the following:

1. Present a minimum of 4 passing academic presentations, minimum time 15 minutes, on subjects from the SDI Specialty they will be teaching after graduation.

2. Present a minimum of 2 passing practical presentations, minimum time 15 minutes, on subjects from the SDI Specialty they will be teaching after graduation.

3. Satisfactorily complete all skill performance and graduation requirements for the SDI Specialty they will be teaching.

4. Demonstrate the ability to correctly remediate exam questions with a student.

5. Satisfactorily complete the SDI Standards and Procedures portion of the instructor exam.

6. Demonstrate mature and sound judgment concerning class planning and execution.

Course Credit:

Graduates of the SDI Non-Diving Specialty Instructor Course may upgrade to other non-diving specialties without completing the full course again; all prerequisites, skill performance, and graduation requirements for any additional specialty must be met and it must be conducted by a qualified instructor trainer or Course Director.