

12. Scubility Instructor Upgrade Program

12.1 *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.

12.2 *Who May Teach*

An active SDI Scubility Instructor Trainer.

12.3 *Qualifications of Graduates*

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

12.4 *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):

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.

12.5 *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.

12.6 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.

12.7 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. *SDI Medical Statement* Form.

Upon successful completion of the course the instructor must:

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

12.8 Required Equipment

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

12.9 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.

12.10 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 a minimum of one each:
 - 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.