



## **Instructor Training Course (ITC)**

### Overview

The NAUI Instructor Training Course (ITC) is designed to train and qualify NAUI Instructor members. During the course future instructors learn effective methods to teach skin and scuba diving in compliance with NAUI Diving Course Standards.

The ITC may be presented in two phases. If done so, Phase One, called an Instructor Training Program (ITP), contains all developmental training except for the final evaluations. During an ITP, candidate practice performances must be evaluated by at least two qualified evaluators, one of whom may be a STW completer and the other an IT or CD. The ITP can be conducted in many formats, ranging in length from a week to an internship over an extended period.

The second or final phase of an ITC so organized is called the IQP, during which a Course Director must be in residence and all final evaluations will be made.

The course assures the NAUI membership that candidates who receive certification as NAUI Instructors have the knowledge, skills, fitness and proper attitude to do so.

### Qualifications of Graduates

Certified NAUI Instructor course graduates are qualified to apply for Instructor membership in NAUI in any status provided for in the bylaws of the association.

- An active-status NAUI Instructor may independently teach NAUI sanctioned courses and authorize NAUI certifications for graduates.
- An active-status NAUI Instructor may independently conduct NAUI recognition and experience programs and authorize formal recognition for graduates.
- An active- or sustaining-status NAUI Instructor is a voting member of NAUI.

A NAUI member Instructor may renew such membership annually (in any one status) by meeting the requirements set by the NAUI Training Department and Membership Committee.

## Prerequisites For Entering The Course

- Minimum age of 18
- Pass the NAUI Instructor Prequalification Exam with a score of at least 75%
- Documentation of at least 50 logged dives. Dives shall be varied in environment, depth and activities.
- Be a currently certified NAUI Assistant Instructor or NAUI Divemaster; or a NAUI PREP Course graduate within the past 12 months. Current certification or verified competency in CPR and First Aid is required for registration. Certification training shall include (at minimum) one person adult CPR and infant/child CPR.
- Verification of good physical condition as documented by a medical examination and unconditional approval for diving by a licensed physician within the preceding 12 months.

## Course Duration

- Classroom hours – 75 are estimated
- Water hours – 15 required
- Open water days – minimum 3 days open water required

## Equipment Requirements

- Standard SCUBA equipment (including snorkel, alternate air source/octopus, timing device)
- Instructor level additional equipment – dive knife/cutting tool, emergency signalling device, compass

## Skill Requirements – Open Water (not a complete list)

- Present 11 graded oral presentations consisting of:
  - 6 classroom teaching presentations:
    - 4 shall relate to entry level diver topics
    - 1 shall relate to an advanced, master or specialty level diver topic
    - 1 shall relate to leadership level diver topic
  - 1 confined water session briefing
  - 2 open water briefings
  - 2 open water debriefings
- Present 6 graded in-water presentations consisting of:
  - 3 confined water teaching presentations
  - 3 open water training presentations:
    - 1 shall relate to an advanced, master or specialty diver activity
- Perform evaluated in-water demonstrations of staff selected skin diving skills and scuba diving skills
- Perform an evaluated demonstration of open water scuba rescue

## Academic Topics (not a complete list)

- Methods of instruction:
  - General – teaching theory, methods and oral communications
  - Academics – lesson objectives, lesson preparation and training aids
  - Confined water – teaching preparation, methods and evaluation criteria
  - Open water – teaching presentation, methods and evaluation criteria
- Practical instruction:
  - General – organization and scheduling a course, skill problem solving and how to conduct briefings and debriefings
- Diving safety:
  - Diving first aid
  - Emergency procedures
  - Skin and scuba diving rescue techniques – lecture, demonstration and evaluation
- The business of diving instruction:
  - Fundamentals of marketing
  - Prospecting and recruiting students
  - Budgeting courses
  - Legal aspects of diving instruction
  - Instructor ethics
  - Fundamentals of retailing
- NAUI orientation:
  - Teaching NAUI
  - Continuing education and leadership courses
  - First aid and CPR courses
  - Nitrox courses and programs
- General:
  - Course orientation
  - Exams and exam review
  - Course critique
  - Review board