

PADI Open Water SCUBA Instructor (OWSI) Course

Program Overview

The PADI OWSI Course includes presentations and workshops designed to assure that you are prepared and ready to pass the comprehensive two-day PADI Instructor Exam (IE) where you will demonstrate your ability to teach what you have mastered in the OWSI Course. As a PADI OWSI, you will be able to teach all PADI core Courses from introductory divers through Divemaster. This course is designed for you if you already are credentialed as an EFR Instructor or equivalent CPR & First Aid Instructor; you're needing to complete the last step to become a PADI OWSI. We also offer the opportunity for additional training to become certified to teach several specialties immediately after you have successfully completed the requirements to attend the IE.

The first step in the OWSI Course will be to schedule an informal orientation session with our award-winning PADI Course Director, Bruce Weitzenhoffer, so that you can become comfortable and familiar with both your training team and the details of the entire program. He will: verify that you meet all the Prerequisites (see below); answer any questions about the Course; and review the performance requirements including what must be completed before the start of the Course. Ideally, this will occur at least four weeks before the first in-class session, so you have enough time to become prepared for this fun intensive Course. Bruce and his team will be in regular contact with you before the Course begins to make certain that you are on track to complete the pre-study requirements which are listed on the [Open Water SCUBA Instructor Learning Agreement](#). This will be signed when you make your deposit to reserve your spot in our IDC. To enable your paperwork to be prepared, you will also complete the [OWSI Candidate Information Sheet](#).

Our OWSI Course is candidate focused. Our Candidate:Trainer ratio is small, at most 4:1. Smaller classes enable our team to address different learning styles in a most effective nurturing way. A complete schedule will be provided which will outline the entire course. We will thoroughly review this on the first day. All confined water training will take place in a heated pool. For more information contact Bruce at bruce@salemscuba.com.

Prerequisites

- Certified as an EFR Instructor or qualifying equivalent
- Minimum six months as a Certified Open Water Diver
- PADI Divemaster Certification (or equivalent)
- Be at least 18 years old
- Copies of all non-PADI/EFR certification cards
- Open Water Diver, Advanced Open Water Diver, Rescue Diver
- CPR and First Aid certification within the previous 24 months of IE date
- Submit a Diver Medical attesting to dive fitness signed by an authorized medical professional within the previous 12 months of the completion of the IDC and IE AND have had no medical condition changes.
- At least 60 logged dives, including experience in deep, night and navigation, to start the IDC
- 100 logged dives by the start of the IE
- Additional requirements if not a PADI Divemaster

Registering

To reserve your spot in our OWSI Course, you will make a non-refundable payment to cover materials and administrative fees at least four weeks before the start of the course; the balance will be due on or before the first in-person session.

The PADI fees will be paid directly to PADI during the Course.

Materials and Supplies

PADI IDC Crew-Pak includes: Backpack, Instructor Cue Cards for Open Water, Confined Water, Advanced Open Water, Rescue, Divemaster, OW Student Planning, Skill Development Preparations Slate (plus one extra), AND IDC Digital Crew-Pak including IDC eLearning; Exams for Open Water, Rescue, Divemaster; Specialty Instructor Outlines for Peak Performance Buoyancy, PADI AWARE, AWARE Coral Reef Conservation; Diving Knowledge Workbook (Digital); Guide to Teaching (Digital); and Open Water Course Prescriptive Lesson Guides.

PADI Dive Theory eLearning includes the following topics: Physics; Physiology; Equipment; Dive Skills; Environment; and Recreational Dive Planner.

Additional required supplies: since you have completed the required certifications to reach this point, it is likely that you already own some, if not all, of these materials. Please note that you are required to own the current version (note: digital is continually updated). PADI student materials including: Open Water Diver Manual; AOW Diver Manual and Multi-Purpose Data Carrier Slate; Rescue Diver Manual and Accident Management Slate; Divemaster Crew Pak ENTIRE CONTENTS; and PADI RDP Table and eRDPml with associated instruction booklets. Note: PADI Specialty Course Instructor Guides will be delivered through the PADI eLearning platform upon successful completion of the IE or before.

A full list of ALL required materials and equipment is on the [Open Water SCUBA Instructor Learning Agreement](#).

We can order any of the PADI additional required supplies for you to have before the start of the Course. And, of course, we can help you select the appropriate SCUBA equipment. Call us at 503-588-3483.