Assistant Instructor Course

The (AI) Assistant Instructor course is the First part of an (IDC) Instructor Development Course which is divided into Two Parts – AI and OWSI (Open Water Scuba Instructor). It is a great option for PADI Divemasters who want to gain additional knowledge and skills to act as a more effective certified assistant. The course teaches you how to introduce new knowledge and skills independently or with minimal supervision. Presenting knowledge portions of the Coral Conservation and Project AWARE Specialties are covered to prepare you to teach these programs. l You learn how to conduct open water dives for courses you can teach, such as the Peak Performance Buoyancy Specialty.

Successful completion of the AI course allows you to :

Present the knowledge development for any PADI Diver course under an instructors indirect supervision.

Present initial skills training under the instructors direct supervision during confined water dives.

Conduct open water surface skill evaluations during the O/W Diver course under the instructors indirect supervision

Teach and certify Peak Performance Buoyancy Specialty Diver under the direction of an instructor

Independently teach the Project AWARE Specialty

Independently teach the Coral Reef Conservation Specialty course

Independently conduct Discover Scuba Diving in a pool or confined water

Independently conduct Bubblemaker programs

Independently conduct PADI Seal Team Aquamissions

Teach and certify divers in specialty courses that don’t include dives after completing Specialty Instructor Training and earning the Specialty rating for that Specialty

After completing Specialty Instructor Training in Digital Underwater Photography, teach this course under the direction of an Instructor

After completing an Emergency First Response Instructor Training Course, independently teach the EFR Primary and Secondary course, Care for Children course, and CPR and AED course. Note: To be certified as a PADI Instructor, you will need to be an EFR Instructor or equivalent.

**Prerequisites:**

PADI Divemaster, OR Leadership-level certification in good standing with another recognized recreational diver training organization with 60 logged dives documenting experience in night, deep and navigation diving. (100 logged dives to attend the IE)

18 years old

Medical clearance signed by a physician within the previous 12 months

Certified diver for at least 6 months

Completed EFR Primary and Secondary Care course, or other qualifying training within the past 24 months

Complete the PADI DM course diver rescue skills assessment if not a PADI Divemaster

Documentation of any nonPADI certifications

**Duration: minimum 3 days/ approximately 35 hours**

**Scheduling Options:**

1. Take the Assistant Instructor course along with IDC candidates during the IDC dates and complete only those workshops and presentations that are required for AI certification.

2. Schedule a 4 day Assistant Instructor course

3. Schedule a more relaxed pace program.

IDC -March 20-26 or May 8-14 in conjunction with the IDC

June 26,27,28 taught by an IDC Staff Instructor ( may continue on to OWSI beginning June 29)

August 1,2,3 – taught by an IDC Staff Instructor(may continue on to OWSI beginning August 4)

IDC - October 16-22 in conjunction with the IDC

**Materials Required**: See IDC materials required

**Course Curriculum**

Candidates complete independent study through PADI IDC eLearning – 16 curriculum components

**Meet with the Course Director to complete:**

Practical applications and workshops covering all core courses and experiences the candidate will be able to teach as an Assistant Instructor

Candidate teaching presentations in Knowledge development, Confined Water and Open Water

Skill Evaluation – 24 demonstration quality skills

Exams – PADI Standards and Procedures Exam