

PADI Divemaster Course Outline

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Congratulations on your decision to become a PADI Divemaster. Of all the certifying agencies, PADI is the largest. They will offer you the most support and are the most widely recognized. Most dive shops and resorts require their dive industry employees to be a PADI Professional.

The course consists of 3 modules...diving skills assessment, academic learning and internship. You must complete all three modules to a reasonable level of proficiency before you may become a Divemaster.

Module 1: Assesses and if necessary, remediates the candidate's general diving skill level including peak performance buoyancy. You must demonstrate adequate diving skills before you may proceed to module three.

Module 2: Academic is designed to increase the candidate's diving theory knowledge to a higher level through the use of independent study and written exams.

You will take one required two part written exam covering the following topics:

Dive Master Conducted Programs, Supervising Certified Divers, Assisting with Student Divers in Training, Physics, Physiology, Equipment, Skills and Environment, and The Recreational Dive Planner. The first three exams must be successfully completed before starting your internship. The remaining five exams may be taken anytime during your training. The information for these exams may be found through self-guided study in the current Divemaster Manual, The Encyclopedia of Recreational Diving and the Diving Knowledge Workbook. The Divemaster Manual has Knowledge Reviews that must be completed and turned in as well. There is a 2 part final exam you may take anytime during course and must pass with a minimum score of 75%.

Module 3: The internship is most important and involves the Divemaster candidate in actual training and supervisory situations under the direction of a PADI Instructor. There is lots of coaching and feedback given during these sessions, with the intent of making the candidate a more informed and better dive leader. You will assist your instructor with students, practice the demonstration of skills, notice potential problems before they happen, correct and guide new students and assist with Open Water Diver academics (Dive Tables). You must have a happy encouraging attitude. You are here to help and make diving more enjoyable for the students. New divers will look up to you and ask you questions they might not ask the instructor and experienced divers will look to you for guidance and want to dive with you.

Module 3 Internship: (more than the minimum sessions may be required)

- Assist with a minimum of 4 PADI Open Water course pool sessions.
- Assist with a minimum of 4 PADI Open Water Dive training sessions.
- Assist with 1 PADI Advanced Open Water, Rescue or Specialty Diver course open water training session conducted from a dive boat.
- Assist with 3 additional open water training sessions from any PADI course or program.
- One supervisory situation with certified divers not in a formal course.
- Assist with 2 academic Open Water classes.
- Complete an underwater map of a dive site assigned by your instructor.
- Complete an emergency assistance plan for that dive site.
- Lastly, candidates will conduct under Instructor's supervision a real or simulated program that certified Divemasters could conduct. This may be a Discover Local Diving, Scuba Review, Skin Diver Course or Discover Snorkeling.

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The following are the recommended steps to efficiently complete your PADI Divemaster training:

- Get a Medical Form signed by your physician before starting anything else. You will need this prior to Divemaster in water training.
- Make arrangements with me to complete the required waterman ship and stamina skills. Keep a record of your completed skills. These consist of the following:
 - 400-yard swim (goal: in under 10 minutes)
 - 800-yard mask, snorkel, and fin swim (goal: in less than 17 minutes)
 - 100 yard tired diver tow (goal: in less than 4 minutes)
 - 15 minute tread water (last two minutes hands out of the water)You will be awarded points for each of these skills (except the tread) based on the time it takes for you to complete each swim. Your goal is to accumulate 12 total points for all these skills.
- You will be required to perform a simulated rescue of an unresponsive non-breathing diver. This is the same rescue you performed in your PADI Rescue Diver class. I suggest you practice every time you enter the water. When you are ready, ask me to evaluate (grade) you on this skill. You will do this at the beginning and end of course. *(IDC requirement)*
- You will be required to demonstrate to the instructor the 20 basic skills from the PADI Open Water Diver Course. I suggest you purchase the Confined Water teaching slates and review your PADI Open Water Diver manual & video before this assessment. *(IDC requirement)*
- You will be required to complete a problem solving assessment, which consists of the following: Gear Swap; Your buddy and you will "buddy-breathe", sharing one air source. While buddy-breathing, you and your buddy will swim to the deep end of the pool and remain neutral, where you will exchange tanks/BCDs, masks, and fins. You should not touch the bottom or surface until skill is completed. Exposure suits and weights do not get exchanged. Once all gear has been exchanged in the deep end, you will swim back to shallow end. The buddy team is allowed 5 minutes to discuss and practice this assessment before starting.

All Divemaster Candidates are required to have the following equipment:

All Personal SCUBA gear including, exposure suit, timing device and depth gauge or dive computer, compass, knife or diver's cutting tool, whistle or signaling device, emergency first aid kit, save a dive kit, underwater writing slate, wreck reel, and PADI dive tables.

Training Materials:

- PADI Divemaster Manual (DM Pack #60020)
- Instructor Manual (included in DM Pack)
- Encyclopedia of Recreational Diving (included in DM Pack)
- Diving Knowledge Workbook (included in DM Pack)
- Recreational Dive Planner (included in Dive Tables) and ERDP.
- Confined Water and Open Water Teaching slates \$40

Instructor Candidate Materials:

- PADI Instructor Manual (mandatory for DMs continuing to Instructor)
- Open Water Teaching Slates (mandatory DMs continuing to Instructor)
- Dive Roster
- Skill Evaluation Cue Card

At the completion of the course, we will submit to PADI the Divemaster Application form and the medical form. Dive Master Insurance costs about \$255 per year. PADI Divemaster Application paid directly to PADI and is not included in your course fee.

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Before you may officially work with students, you must comfortably and safely complete each of the 24 PADI Open Water Student Skills.

You will be evaluated over how well you perform each skill to "demonstration level". At the end of your Divemaster training you will be evaluated over the same skills and we'll compare your scores. Please print the Attached PADI Skills Score Sheet.

Exercise performed correctly, slowly and with exaggerated movement – appeared easy.
24 Skills Listed on DIVEMASTER SKILL DEVELOPMENT SCORE SHEET

For your second or third pool session you will complete the PADI Dive Master Stamina Skills You have to:

- 400-yard swim (goal: in under 10 minutes)
- 800-yard mask, snorkel, and fin swim (goal: in less than 17 minutes)
- 100-yard tired diver tow (goal: in less than 4 minutes)
- 15-minute tread water (last two minutes hands out of the water)

Required Equipment:

- Personal scuba gear BCD, regulator, wetsuit, mask and fins.
- Spare a dive kit
- Underwater writing slate
- Wreck reel
- PADI dive tables

Course Time and Costs

We recommend a minimum of six to ten weeks to complete your training. During that time you have unlimited diving at our Nashville Quarry, which will result in well over 60 dives by the end of the course. Your diving is FREE while actively helping with students. The certification cost does not include the PADI study materials and required hologram or your PADI membership fees and dues. Once course is completed, your instructor will fill out your PADI Divemaster Application. You will application it along with your PADI dues to become a Divemaster.

What You Can Teach

After becoming certified as a PADI Divemaster you will be authorized to:

- Supervise both training and non-training-related activities by planning, organizing and directing dives
- Assist a PADI Instructor during the training sessions for any PADI Diver course
- Conduct the PADI Skin Diver course and PADI Discover Snorkeling program
- Conduct the PADI Discover Local Diving experience
- Conduct the PADI Scuba Review program
- If qualified as a Discover Scuba Diving Leader, independently conduct the PADI Discover Scuba Diving program.
- Independently guide Open Water Diver course students on the tour portion of Open Water Diver Course Training Dives 2, 3 and 4 at a ratio of two student divers per certified Divemaster.
- Accompany Open Water Diver students under the indirect supervision of a PADI Instructor during:
 - surface swims to and from the entry/exit point and during navigational exercises
 - when the instructor conducts a skill, such as an ascent or descent, a Divemaster can remain with other student.
- Accompany student divers during Adventure Dives or Specialty training dives under the indirect supervision of a PADI Instructor.
- Conduct the PADI Seal Team Skin Diver Specialist AquaMission
- Conduct subsequent dives under an instructor's indirect supervision for Discover Scuba Diving participants after participants have satisfactorily completed the first dive with a PADI Instructor.
- Teach Emergency First Response courses after successfully completing an Emergency First Response Instructor course.

What is expected of you during your Divemaster course.

The internship is most important portion of your course and involves the Divemaster candidate in actual training and supervisory situations under the direction of a PADI Instructor. You will learn how to manage and lead a dive group. You will notice problems before they happen and or fix them if they happen. You are a role model for the students and other divers.

Pool:

Divemaster duties are "dive site setup and break down". All equipment should be gathered and hung correctly back in the trailer. Please make sure we don't forget anything at the pool. A Divemaster should be comfortable organizing and leading a dive or pool session alone.

Your primary responsibility is to help students with gear and make sure all forms are filled out.

We meet outside to get students fitted in gear and collect PADI forms. Assist instructor in gathering all required gear for the pool session. Make sure each student has his liability and medical form filled out correctly before we get them fitted in gear. Help students try on BCDs. This might be their first time seeing a BCD. Point out that the BCDs are numbered and ask students to remember their BCD number. Show them how to adjust the straps to make a better fit. Be a good role model.

We will teach the students as a group how to assemble their gear. You or the instructor will explain how to assemble gear and how each piece works.

Pay attention to instructors briefing. Dive masters are expected to conduct these briefings by the end of your course.

You should learn the correct "PADI Way" of demonstrating the training skills.

During your first few pool sessions watch the instructor teach. Pay close attention to how each skill is explained and demonstrated. PADI has very specific ways each skill must be taught. You must master the skills the correct PADI way before you may help students practice these skills. We will grade you on your skill demonstration. You will later help the students master the skills. Some students will require extra attention. Divemasters are essential in helping students with the skills.

Make sure all students sign their Skills completion form before they leave the pool area.

Quarry:

Make sure all students fill out liability and pay the entrance fee immediately upon arrival. All students must fill out the quarry liability and rental agreement before they may collect any gear or walk around at the quarry.

Your primary responsibility is to get students in the water, perform a weight check and get them ready for the instructor.

Divemasters are responsible for distributing rental equipment. First ask what equipment the student rented. Help students find their correct fitted gear and student tank.

Make sure students know how to install weight pouches correctly.

Watch students assemble gear with minimal instruction. By dive 3 and 4 students should be able to assemble and disassemble gear with no assistance. Make sure they purge and don't blow an O-ring. Students on dive 1 will need to do a weight check on the platform, be properly weighted and ready for the instructor. Students on dives 3 and 4 will do a giant stride.

Divemasters help instructors keep students safe during dives. Each instructor needs at least one Divemaster to help assist with the students. You should follow closely watching for students who may be struggling to maintain neutral buoyancy. Watch for rapid descents or accents. Follow students without getting between the instructor and students. Help keep students close to instructor. Be alert and watch for students who may swim away from the group. As students complete their dives insure they log their dives, complete paperwork and all gear is returned to the trailer.

Extra Perks and Benefits after Graduation

Dive for Free:

Dive master's actively helping with students may dive for free.

You must be fully insured and listed on the roster as the Divemaster on duty.

We depend on Divemaster to help class run smoothly. Please arrive in time to be set up and be prepared for students.

Free Air Fills:

While you're helping fill student tanks you may fill your own tank.

Discount on Gear:

You may buy most of your scuba gear at 20% over Dealer Cost.

The Divemaster perks and benefits are only available to active Divemasters who have helped with an average of 2 full quarry or pool sessions per month.

Divemaster Skills Check List:

- Demonstrate the 20 basic skills from the confined PADI Open Water manual.
- Demonstrate and explain gear assembly and use to new students.
- Dive Site setup and briefing for Open Water dives.
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DIVEMASTER CANDIDATE INFORMATION AND EVALUATION FORM

Note to instructor: This form is for your records. Please do not forward it to your PADI Office.

Personal Information

Name _____
Last First MI

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Country _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ Home Phone (_____) _____ Birth Date _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact Name and Telephone _____

Prerequisites and Administration

Verified by

PADI No.

18 years or older	_____	_____
Advanced Open Water or qualifying diver certification	_____	_____
Rescue Diver or qualifying diver certification	_____	_____
Medical Statement and physician's approval	_____	_____
EFR Primary and Secondary Care training or qualifying training	_____	_____
Statement of Understanding	_____	_____
Liability Release (Statement of Risks – EU)	_____	_____
40 logged dives	_____	_____
Course fees paid	_____	_____
Two photos received	_____	_____

Certification Requirements

Verified by

PADI No.

60 logged dives	_____	_____
EFR Primary and Secondary Care training (current within 24 months)	_____	_____
Read and agreed to the PADI Membership and License Agreement	_____	_____

Knowledge Development

Verified completed/reviewed

eLearning

PADI No.

Emergency Assistance Plan	_____		_____
Knowledge Review 1 – The Role and Characteristics of a PADI Divemaster	_____		_____
Knowledge Review 2 – Supervising Diving Activities	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Knowledge Review 3 – Assisting with Student Divers	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Knowledge Review 4 – Diving Safety and Risk Management	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Knowledge Review 5 – Divemaster-Conducted Programs	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Knowledge Review 6 – Specialized Skills and Activities	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Knowledge Review 7 – The Business of Diving and Your Career	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Knowledge Review 8 – Awareness of the Dive Environment	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Knowledge Review 9 – Dive Theory Review	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Final Exam

Verified by

PADI No.

Part 1 Score _____ Part 2 Score _____ OR Dive Theory Online _____

Waterskills Exercises

	Score	Verified by	PADI No.	Date
Exercise 1 – 400 metre/yard swim	_____	_____	_____	_____
Exercise 2 – 15 minute float/tread	_____	_____	_____	_____
Exercise 3 – 800 metre/yard snorkel swim	_____	_____	_____	_____
Exercise 4 – 100 metre/yard diver tow	_____	_____	_____	_____
Exercise 5 – Equipment Exchange	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Points (at least 15)	_____	_____	_____	_____

Diver Rescue

Diver Skills Workshop

Total Points (at least 82) _____

One underwater skill to a 5 Attach Skill Development Score Sheet

Practical Application

Practical Skills

	Verified by	PADI No.	Date
Skill 1 – Dive Site Set Up and Management	_____	_____	_____
Skill 2 – Mapping Project	_____	_____	_____
Skill 3 – Dive Briefing	_____	_____	_____
Skill 4 – Search and Recovery Scenario	_____	_____	_____
	OR <input type="checkbox"/> PADI Search and Recovery Diver specialty certification		
Skill 5 – Deep Dive Scenario	_____	_____	_____
	OR <input type="checkbox"/> PADI Deep Diver specialty certification		

Divemaster-Conducted Programs Workshops

	Verified by	PADI No.	Date
Workshop 1 – Scuba Review in Confined Water	_____	_____	_____
Workshop 2 – Skin Diver Course and Snorkeling Supervision	_____	_____	_____
Workshop 3 – DSD Program in Confined Water	_____	_____	_____
Workshop 4 – DSD Program – Additional Open Water Dive	_____	_____	_____
Workshop 5 – Discover Local Diving in Open Water	_____	_____	_____

Practical Assessments

	Verified by	PADI No.	Date
Practical Assessment 1 – Open Water Diver Students in Confined Water	_____	_____	_____
Practical Assessment 2 – Open Water Diver Students in Open Water	_____	_____	_____
Practical Assessment 3 – Continuing Education Student Divers in Open Water	_____	_____	_____
Practical Assessment 4 – Certified Divers in Open Water	_____	_____	_____

Professionalism

	Score	Verified by	PADI No.	Date
Level of active, positive participation in the training sessions	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to serve as a mentor to student divers	_____	_____	_____	_____
Willingness to follow directions	_____	_____	_____	_____
Positive attitude and demeanor toward student divers, divers and staff	_____	_____	_____	_____
Positive attitude and practice towards caring for the environment	_____	_____	_____	_____
General understanding of a divemaster's role	_____	_____	_____	_____
Appearance	_____	_____	_____	_____



DIVEMASTER SKILL DEVELOPMENT SCORE SHEET

Candidate _____ Date _____

Evaluated by _____ PADI No. _____

Performance Requirement: Demonstrate all scuba and skin diving skills, scoring at least a 3 on each skill, and scoring at least 82 points total, with at least one underwater skill to a 5.

Score	Criteria
1	Candidate unable to perform exercise.
2	Exercise performed with significant difficulty or error.
3	Exercise performed correctly, though too quickly to adequately exhibit or illustrate details of skill.
4	Exercise performed correctly and slowly enough to adequately exhibit or illustrate details of skill.
5	Exercise performed correctly, slowly and with exaggerated movement – appeared easy.

Skills

Score

- Equipment assembly, adjustment, preparation, donning and disassembly _____
- Pre-dive safety check (BWRAF) _____
- Deep-water entry _____
- Buoyancy check at surface _____
- Snorkel-regulator/regulator-snorkel exchange _____
- Five-point descent _____
- Regulator recovery and clearing _____
- Mask removal, replacement and clearing _____
- Air depletion exercise and alternate air source use (stationary) _____
- Alternate air source-assisted ascent _____
- Free-flowing regulator breathing _____
- Neutral buoyancy _____
- Five-point ascent _____
- Controlled Emergency Swimming Ascent _____
- Hover motionless for 30 seconds _____
- Underwater swim without a mask _____
- Remove and replace weight system underwater _____
- Remove and replace scuba unit underwater _____
- Remove and replace scuba unit on the surface _____
- Remove and replace weight system on the surface _____
- Vertical, head first skin dive _____
- Swim at least 15 metres/50 feet underwater on a single breath while skin diving. _____
- Snorkel clear using the blast method after ascending from a skin dive. _____
- Snorkel clear using the displacement method after ascending from a skin dive. _____

Total Score _____