



## Scheduling Options

- List of variations on scheduling

There are various options when scheduling an ERDI Instructor course. Much of it will depend on whether the candidates are local or traveling from out of town, and how quickly they would like to complete their training. Below are listed some scheduling options.

### Compressed

The compressed method is typically a week long program that will suit those wishing to complete their training in a short amount of time.

Individuals who must travel to take the course or those who must take time off from their full-time employment may appreciate the format of the compressed program.

Candidates must be prepared and have experience as an assistant instructor to make this compressed training program enjoyable. Should they not have those two qualities they will struggle to complete the program.

## **Apprentice**

By far the best way to learn is to watch, assist, and participate in the training of new divers. This method will take a longer period of time than the compressed method but the instructor candidate will have the advantage of working with actual divers under actual situations that will allow them to see and deal with actual problem situations. They will also get to see the excitement and joy a student has as they accomplish each step towards their certification.

## **Multiple meetings**

The multiple meetings method involves recurring meetings over a period of time. The meetings typically occur once or twice per week, such as Tuesdays and Thursday evenings, and usually last no more than three hours each. The amount of information presented at these meetings is more limited than with other methods. The meeting schedule is usually worked out between all of the instructor candidates and IT to accommodate everyone's schedule. Be careful not to allow too much time between meetings as the candidates may find it hard to recall previous information. The drawback to using this method is it can take a long time to complete the program. A combination of the multiple meetings and apprentice programs works well. The instructor candidates can learn a little and then go apply it as they assist an instructor.

## **Additional Training Activities**

In addition to the academic material addressed in the student manual and this instructor guide, the ERDI Instructor Course includes required training activities in pool / confined water and open water, as well as the specific performance requirements for all ERDI Instructor candidates. Accordingly, the reader is directed to the current ERDI Standards for additional information regarding the requirements for the ERDI Instructor certification.