



Conducting TDI Instructor Course Water Sessions

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Due to each TDI course being so specialized, the pool / confined water sessions should focus on the specific area. Some areas may not even require a pool / confined water session.

First session

For certifications that do require a pool/confined water session, it is recommended that during the first session candidates should perform, to demonstration quality, all of the required skills listed in the specific course

they will be teaching. They should also perform, to demonstration quality, one complete rescue scenario.

Second session

The second session of the pool/confined water training should be more of a workshop on “How to Teach” the skills from the specific diver program they will be qualified to teach. Helpful hints on how to teach, possible problems an instructor may experience in the pool /confined water, and how to resolve those problems should be covered. Control techniques to be used for various locations and skills, shallow end compared to the deep end, having an assistant available, not having an assistant available should also be covered.

During this time candidates should be allowed to “Test Teach” under the trainer’s guidance any and all skills so they become comfortable teaching the skills.

Third session

The third and subsequent sessions should be designed for the candidates to show preparation and planning of at least two lessons in confined water. These lessons will be evaluated using the in-water evaluation form. The candidate must show preparation, planning and control in dive management, diving activities, and proper pool/confined water problem solving. The second and third session can many times be conducted together.

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Due to each TDI course being so specialized, the open water sessions should focus on the specific area. Other than the TDI Nitrox course all courses will



require an open water session.

First session

The first open water session should focus on the skill evaluation.

In open water candidates must perform, to demonstration quality, all skills listed in the specific diver course they will be qualified to teach. They should also perform, to demonstration quality, one complete rescue scenario.

Second session

The second session of the open water training should be more of a workshop on “How to Conduct” the skills in the open water from the diver course they will be qualified to teach. Helpful hints on how to brief the skills, possible problems an instructor may experience in the open water, and how to resolve those problems should be covered. Control techniques to be used for various locations and skills, good visibility compared to limited visibility, having an assistant available, not having an assistant available should also be covered.

During this time candidates should be allowed to “Test Evaluate” under the trainer’s guidance any and all skills so they become comfortable evaluating the skills in open water.

Third session

The third and subsequent sessions should be designed for the candidates to show preparation and planning of at least two lessons in open water. These lessons will be evaluated using the in-water evaluation form. The candidate must show preparation, planning and control in dive management, diving activities, and proper open water water problem solving. The second and third sessions may be conducted together.

Consult the current TDI Training standards for programs that require multiple dives and schedule accordingly.



