

# Divemaster



## PADI Divemaster Course

Looking for the first step in working with [scuba as a career](#)? Your adventure into the professional levels of recreational scuba diving begins with the PADI Divemaster program. Working closely with a PADI Instructor, in this program you expand your dive knowledge and hone your skills to the professional level. PADI Divemaster training develops your leadership abilities, qualifying you to supervise dive activities and assist instructors with student divers. PADI Divemaster is the prerequisite certification for both the [PADI Assistant Instructor](#) and [PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor](#) certifications.

## Get College Credit

You may be able to [earn college credit for the PADI Divemaster course](#).

## What You Learn

During the PADI Divemaster program, you learn dive leadership skills through both classroom and independent study. You complete water skills and stamina exercises, as well as training exercises that stretch your ability to organize and solve problems as well as help others [improve their scuba](#). You put this knowledge into action through a structured internship or series of practical training exercises.



## 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.
- Earn the PADI Digital Underwater Photographer Specialty Instructor rating to be able to teach the [PADI Digital Underwater Photographer](#) specialty.
- 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 divers (with an individual student or buddy team)
- Accompany student divers during [Adventure Dives](#) or Specialty training dives under the indirect supervision of a PADI Instructor.
- Conduct the PADI [Seal Team](#) 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](#).

At a glance, compare [what you can teach](#) when you continue your professional diver education.



### The Scuba Gear You Use

- You use all the [basic scuba equipment](#) and some [scuba accessories](#) such as a dive slate, [dive knife](#), compass, [dive watch](#), etc.

- It is highly recommended that you own all of your own scuba equipment, as familiarity with personal gear improves general scuba diving skills. You can find most everything here at NOVA Dive Center.



## The Learning Materials You Need

The PADI Divemaster crewpak includes everything you'll need to start the PADI Divemaster program. The complete set of materials includes:

- The Encyclopedia of Recreational Diving - a comprehensive overview of diving physics, physiology, and equipment.
- The Diving Knowledge Workbook – a self-study guide used in preparation for the Divemaster and Instructor exams.
- Divemaster slates
- PADI Divemaster Manual
- CD-ROM with instructor outlines for Divemaster-conducted programs (exclusive item not available for purchase separately)

To purchase this product, contact us any time.

## Prerequisites

To take this course, you must be:

- 18 years old
- [A PADI Advanced Open Water Diver](#) (or qualifying certification from another training organization)
- [A PADI Rescue Diver](#) (or qualifying certification from another training organization)
- [An Emergency First Response Primary and Secondary Care](#) (or qualifying first aid and CPR training from another organization) course completion within the past 24 months.
- Have at least 20 dives to begin the course and 60 for certification
- Be fit for diving and submit a [Medical Statement \(PDF\)](#) signed by a physician within the last 12 months.

## Other Courses That Will Prepare You for Success as a PADI Divemaster



Here are some suggestions for other PADI courses that will help make you more successful as a PADI Divemaster:

- [Boat Diver](#)
- [Coral Reef Conservation](#)
- [Digital Underwater Photographer](#)
- [Emergency First Response Instructor](#)
- [Emergency Oxygen Provider](#)
- [Enriched Air Diver \(You can even sign up for the PADI Enriched Air Course Online!\)](#)
- [Equipment Specialist](#)
- [Night Diver](#)
- [Peak Performance Buoyancy](#)
- [Underwater Naturalist](#)
- [Underwater Navigation](#)