



ACUC INSTRUCTOR TRAINER EVALUATOR

Curriculum and Standards

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Foreword

The ACUC Instructor Trainer Evaluator is an **honorific** certification, therefore there are no training standards or specific training program involved. It can be obtained by those ACUC Advanced Instructors or Instructor Trainers that fulfill a series of prerequisites. This certification can only be offered by the President or CEO of ACUC, either at their own decision or as a request of at least one ACUC Instructor Trainer Evaluator. This certification will only be offered on an ACUC need basis, therefore, is not a certification that can be obtained following any parameters or specific training. The main characteristics of this certification is that besides doing the same as an ACUC Instructor Trainer, the candidate that obtains this level, can also teach, evaluate and certify, any level of Instructor, up to and including, the Instructor Trainer. They can also teach certain specialties for which they have requested and obtained from ACUC, the Specialty Instructor Trainer Evaluator rating. The Instructor Trainer Evaluator must work, in Dive Training related matters, exclusively with ACUC, unless previously approved by the ACUC President or CEO.

This is an ACUC International standard and therefore is always subject to the different national or local legislations. In cases where legislations exist that differ from this standard, the ACUC country or area delegation if it exist, must request in writing to the ACUC main office (Canada or Spain) a “**Deviation**” from this standard to satisfy the legislation of the area, supporting their request with the appropriate documentation. Deviations, if requested, to be considered valid, must appear at the end of each specific standard document (Point 12)

In cases where the local or national legislations are more restrictive than the ACUC Standard, then the local legislation will prevail, but if the ACUC Standard is more restrictive, then the ACUC Standard will prevail, because by complying with the more restrictive ACUC Standard, logically the local legislation will be also complied with.

1. Scope

Not Applicable.

2. Definitions

For the purposes of this standard and any other standard referenced as acuc-st-xxx, the following definitions apply. Please note that not all terms shown next might appear in this specific standard.

- 2.1 ACUC:** Entity providing recreational scuba diving training systems and certification.
- 2.2 basic equipment:** Equipment consisting of the following items:
 - < mask
 - < fins
 - < snorkel
- 2.3 breathing gas:** Appropriate mixture of oxygen and nitrogen.
- 2.4 certification:** Confirmation that a student has completed all requirements of a course according to this Standard, as issued by ACUC.
- 2.5 cold water:** Water less than 10°C from its highest average temperature or water of 10°C or less
- 2.6 competencies:** What a diver can do once certified
- 2.7 confined spaces:** condition that applies when there is no direct access to the surface, such inside a wreck, cave, etc.
- 2.8 confined water:** Swimming pool with a depth appropriate to the activity, or body of water that offers similar conditions (maximum depth 6 meters)
- 2.9 diving equipment:** Equipment consisting of the following items:

- < mask,
- < fins,
- < snorkel,
- < cylinder,
- < regulator,
- < alternative breathing gas system, which could range from a simple octopus system to a duplicate breathing system with a separate breathing gas supply,
- < cylinder-support-system and buoyancy control device including (if appropriate) a quick release weight system,
- < submersible pressure gauge (breathing gas pressure monitor),
- < means to measure depth and time and to safely limit exposure to inert gas,
- < diving suit (if appropriate).

Note: Specific environments may require appropriate additional equipment (e.g. an underwater navigational aid, knife/cutting device).

2.10 dry specialty: Specialty course where no water training takes place, such as for example, First Aid, Oxygen Administration, etc

2.11 knowledge levels:

- < Basic: knows how...
- < Intermediate: knows how and why...
- < Advanced: knows how, why and also, knows how to teach it...

2.12 non certification scuba course: Scuba course where the participants do not receive an ACUC certification at the end of the course, such as for example, scuba introduction, scuba refreshment, scuba buoyancy, etc

2.13 open water: Body of water significantly larger than a swimming pool offering conditions typical of a natural body of water encountered in the region where training takes place.

2.14 prerequisites for training: What a diver needs or conditions to be met prior to start training

2.15 reduced visibility: condition that applies when diving at night or when visibility is less than an arm's length, for whatever the reason

2.16 scuba: Self-contained under-water breathing apparatus.

2.17 scuba instructor: A qualified individual, sanctioned by ACUC to teach, evaluate and certify divers.

2.18 theoretical knowledge: knowledge imparted in a dry environment (classroom, pool deck, etc)

2.19 training open water dive: open water training experience under direct supervision of a qualified instructor, comprising at least the following activities:

- < briefing
- < preparation to dive
- < pre-dive checks
- < entry into water
- < descent procedures
- < under-water activity
- < ascent and surfacing procedures
- < exit from water
- < debriefing
- < post dive procedures
- < recording the dive.

2.20 water skills: knowledge imparted inside a wet environment (pool water, sea water, etc)

3 Competencies of a certified, recreational ACUC Instructor Trainer Evaluator

An ACUC Instructor Trainer Evaluator shall be trained to have sufficient competencies by knowledge, skill and experience to, in addition of what an Instructor Trainer must know, teach, evaluate and certify, all levels of ACUC Instructor courses, up to and including, the Instructor Trainer level. ACUC Instructor Trainer Evaluators shall dive within the following parameters

- < dive and lead divers to a maximum depth of 40 meters / 130 feet
- < dive and ensure that others dive only when appropriate support is available at the surface,

- < dive and ensure that others dive under conditions that are equal or better than the conditions where they were trained.
- < assist certified divers in new environments which the Instructor Trainer Evaluator is familiar with.

4 Prerequisites for training

In order to qualify, according to this Standard the student shall meet the following prerequisites:

- 4.1 Minimum age:** 24 years old
- 4.2 Health requirements:** Candidates shall be medically screened as suitable for recreational diving by means of an appropriate medical examination.
- 4.3 Previous Certification:** ACUC Advanced Instructor or Instructor Trainer.
- 4.4 Exclusive dedication to ACUC in dive training related matters,** unless otherwise previously approved by ACUC
- 4.5 Minimum time as an ACUC Instructor:** 6 years.

5 Instructor:Student Ratios during training

Not Applicable

6 Introductory information

Not Applicable

7 Course content relating to theoretical knowledge

Not Applicable

8 Course content relating to scuba skills

Not Applicable

9 Practical training parameters

Not Applicable

10 Assessment and certification requirements

Not Applicable

11 Training Dives

Not Applicable

12 Deviations

None requested