



ACUC RESCUE SPECIALIST - Curriculum and Standards Ref: acuc-st-sprse May 1999

Foreword

The ACUC Rescue Specialist course is an optional specialty course. This course can be taught, evaluated and certified by any ACUC Open Water Instructor or higher level. The main characteristic of this course is that the students that successfully complete the course, will be able to recognise and react to diving emergencies. Also, it covers diving related First Aid.

The standards, the training materials and the course are the same as for the ACUC Rescue Diver course, with the following exceptions:

- This course can be taught to any OWD (Open Water Diver) with at least 5 hours bottom time

To improve diving safety in general, ACUC allows for this course to be taught to OWD without the need to complete the mandatory ACUC Advanced Diver course previously. However, it is very important to note that the certification of Diving Specialist, does not qualify the holders of this certification to proceed to the ACUC Divemaster course, until they have previously completed the Advanced Diver course.

To clarify this point, please see the following questions and answers:

- Q. Can an OWD with the Rescue Specialist certification enter a Divemaster course?
A. No. The candidate must previously complete the Advanced Diver course
- Q. Can an Advanced Diver with the Rescue Specialist certification enter a Divemaster course?
A. Yes, as long as the candidate complies with the rest of the requirements

Rescue Specialists will be issued a Specialty Diver card with the Rescue Specialist designation. They will not be issued a Rescue Diver card.

For course content, procedures and standards (with the exception mentioned above), please see the ACUC Rescue Diver standards

For any questions or doubts, please contact ACUC