



## Career Development Scuba Instructor Program



### **Financing Available!**

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## Reasons to take the Ocean Quest Career Development Scuba Dive Instructor Program

### Credibility and Recognition

Ocean Quest Dive Centre is the most active instructor training facility in Canada and the only PADI Career Development Centre in Western Canada. We have been training PADI Instructors for over 20 years and have issued over 1650 Professional Diver certifications. Over the years, Ocean Quest and Ocean Quest instructors have earned multiple awards from PADI.

The Ocean Quest Career Development Scuba Dive Instructor program is the only full-time scuba instructor program conducted in Canada. Our 7 month program includes more in-depth diver training than any other program available!



### Program Lifestyle

**"This has been the best year of my life!"** is a common theme from students who complete the Ocean Quest career training programs.

The program is conducted on the West Coast of British Columbia. British Columbia known for its relaxed life-style, beautiful scenery and world-class diving. You will have access to some of the best diving in the world! Past students have dove sites like the HMCS Annapolis a 371 ft. Destroyer Escort sunk as an artificial reef in Howe Sound. Shore dives such as Whytecliffe Park hosts a variety of marine life and diving areas including reef and wall dives. Whytecliff Park was the first marine park in Canada.

Your class mates will be instant dive buddies who share the same passion as for scuba as you do. You will have access to unlimited diving throughout the year. Many students will log over 150 dives within the course.

Aside from diving, we see students form lifelong friendships as they progress through the program.

### Experienced Instruction

The dive instruction is lead by Greg McCracken, PADI Course Director (Instructor Trainer), Deirdre Forbes McCracken, PADI Master Instructor and Fabiola Ruiz Aquilar, PADI Course Director. Greg and Deirdre are the owners of Ocean Quest Dive Centre a full service Five Star PADI Career Development Centre. Fabiola is Manager of Training at Ocean Quest.

Greg has been teaching diving for 25 years and has issued over 2100 professional level certifications and over 4300 certifications in all levels. Greg continues to be enthusiastic for teaching and diving. Every year, he makes a strong effort to learn and evolve as an instructor and as a diver. Greg truly enjoys assisting his students in meeting their goals as divers and diving professionals.

Deirdre has been a PADI Instructor for 25 years. Aside from being owner of Ocean Quest, Deirdre has held many key positions within the local diving industry including being a past board member of the Artificial Reef Society of BC (ARSBC) as well as the past President of the Dive Industry Association of BC (DIABC). More recently, Deirdre has been involved in projects that have been in partnership with Aquatica Submarines, Marine Life Sanctuaries Society (MLSS) and the Underwater Council of BC (UCBC).

Fabiola Ruiz Aguilar is a PADI Course Director and Manager of Professional Development Ocean Quest. Fabiola graduated 2009 from an Ocean Quest conducted career program. After spending time working in the diving industry in Mexico, Australia and Ireland, Fabiola made her way back to Vancouver and started working full-time at Ocean Quest. Fabiola is directly involved in all of our Career Development Scuba Dive Instructor programs.

As a team Greg, Deirdre, Fabiola and the rest of the Ocean Quest crew spend 7 full months working to help you reach your goals as a highly skilled and qualified diver and diving professional. They are committed to making your course the best possible program available and constantly work to add value above and beyond the basic credentials.

### **Cold Water Training**

British Columbia has some of the best diving in the world. Being cold water trained will offer you many advantages over tropical training.

- **Drysuit diving** – Drysuit diving requires more skills and mastery of buoyancy control. By completing all of your diving in a drysuit you will achieve a higher skill level than divers in the tropics.
- **More Challenging Diving Environment** – Our local diving consists of cold water and variable visibility. This environment requires us to adjust the way we dive. We have to have better awareness of our depth, dive buddies and navigation. You will find that we teach many techniques that are specific to diving in our local environment that are not taught in other areas of the world. The techniques that you learn here, however, can be applied to anywhere you go.
- **More respect** – Our instructors are highly respected around the world. We are focussed on quality instruction. We are not focussed on seeing how many instructors we can train in a year.

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### **Fun!**

Who says you can't have fun while you learn! While you attend the Career Development Professional Scuba Instructor program, your homework is to scuba dive!! You really will have the time of your life during this course.



## Easy to Find a Job!

Since 2004, we have been developing a top reputation for our training. Following the program, we have seen students take advantage of and create many opportunities for themselves in the scuba diving industries. Our graduates have worked or are working across the globe in places such as:

- Scuba Caribe - Playa del Carman, Mexico
- Underwater Technical World - Playa del Carmen, Mexico
- Club Med - Turks and Caicos
- Club Med - Bahamas
- Stuarts Cove - Bahamas
- Dressel Divers - Dominican Republic
- Neptuno Divers - Dominican Republic
- Deep Blue Divers - Utila, Bay Islands, Honduras
- Bananarama Dive's Eco Friendly Resort - Roatan, Bay Islands, Honduras
- Broadreach Summer Adventure Camps - Caribbean
- Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines
- Norwegian Cruiselines
- Adrenalin Dive - Townsville, Australia
- Bamfield Marine Station - British Columbia
- Several Dive Centres throughout Vancouver and Vancouver Island
- These are only some examples of the adventures that await you once you graduate from the Ocean Quest Career Development Scuba Dive Instructor Program.



## Love what you do!

As a scuba instructor you can wake up each morning and genuinely look forward to going to work. You will have the opportunity to travel the world, meet interesting people and see amazing aquatic marine life.

Here are just a few random quotes from past graduates:

"Teaching Divemaster, Nitrox and Advanced tomorrow... did I really say I wanted to work this much??? YES!!!!"

"I got buzzed three times on a dive today by an eagle ray... so cool!!!"

"I met a director from National Geographic today. We watched one of his films then got to hear his comments and commentary on it. It was so cool!! I LOVE Bamfield :)"

"I got to help operate a ROV on a dive today!! We saw china, black, tiger, yellow eye, and blue rockfish. We also saw a wolf eel and a few massive ling cod. It was AWESOME!!!"

"Went on the boat yesterday with a group of DSD's, saw a sea turtle, spotted eagle ray and a 4 foot white tip reef shark!"

## Develop Life Skills

As a scuba instructor, you will develop many skills such as leadership, public speaking, organizational and interpersonal skills just to name a few. These important skills often take years of life experience to develop, however, as an instructor you will have the opportunity to develop these skills on a daily basis. The great thing is you will develop these attributes while having fun on the job!

## What are our graduates saying?

*Ocean Quest Career Dive program is the best 7 months I have yet to experience in my post secondary education. It was packed with extensive diving education and adventure. The instructors not only passed on their vast knowledge of the diving industry but also provided us with techniques to improve ourselves and our students. As a very hands on program, we spent most of our days out at dive sites, helping in the dive shop learning the tools of the trade and also went on some amazing dive trips. Using the tools we learned in the course it was very easy for me to find employment in the dive industry the Grand Caymans. I have always been complimented on my ability to dive and teach thanks to the mentoring provided by the entire Ocean Quest team.*

Tiana Lambert

*This course literally opened the world up to me. Wherever there is water, there is scuba diving. This course gave me the skills I needed to succeed in the tourism industry, and gave me a heads up on what's happening in the world of tourism. The course was taught by professionals for professionals with the up most quality and expertise. This professional attitude and safety that was taught to me gave me a great understanding on how to succeed in this business. I highly recommend this course to anyone who wants a rewarding and exciting career.*

Max Marshal

*The scuba program literally changed my life. I met people who will be lifelong friends, I learned from the best & it opened up a world of opportunities that I would of never even dreamed about. I recommend this course to pretty much every person who is looking to do something different with their life. You get to dive some of the best dive sites in British Columbia and learn hands on with some of the most knowledgeable and respected dive instructors. The experience is something that I will talk about for the rest of my life. I am only 19 and already have a career started. The Scuba Program was the best 8 months of my life so far!*

Brittany Thomas

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## How to Apply

We conduct one Career Development Scuba Dive Instructor Program each year from September – March. You can apply by visiting [www.diveoceanquest.com/courses/professional/scuba-career-development-certificate/](http://www.diveoceanquest.com/courses/professional/scuba-career-development-certificate/) and click on Apply for Program.

For more information visit contact us at [careers@diveoceanquest.com](mailto:careers@diveoceanquest.com).



## Diver Credentials

• PADI Open Water (Certification/Review)	• PADI Deep	• PADI Boat Diver
• PADI Advanced Open Water	• PADI Night	• PADI Equipment
• PADI Rescue	• PADI Enriched Air	• PADI Drift Diver
• PADI Divemaster	• PADI Search and Recovery	• Enriched Air (Nitrox) Gas Blender
• Emergency First Response / Care for Children (CPR/First Aid)	• PADI O2 First Aid	• PADI Foundations of Diving*
• PADI Drysuit	• PADI Navigator	• DSAT Wreck Penetration*
• Sidemount Diver	• Self Reliant Diver	• Bioherm Sponge Diver

\* Foundations of Diving and DSAT Wreck Penetration programs are available exclusively through Ocean Quest

## Professional Credentials

- PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor
- Master Scuba Diver Trainer Prep Training including 8 PADI Specialty Instructor Ratings
- Emergency First Response (CPR/First Aid) Instructor

## Field Trips and Workshops

There will be many additional field trips and workshops including in your program such as (subject to change based on availability):

- Vancouver Aquarium
- Equipment Product Knowledge
- Cylinder Inspection
- Recompression Chamber Tour

## Practicum

Practical experience will be integrated into the curriculum and will include:

- In-Store Dive Centre Experience
- Equipment Repair/Maintenance Experience
- Dive Intern Experience - Leading Divers and Assisting Student Divers in Training

## Tuitions and Fees

### Total Fees

Program Tuition	\$7495.00
Program Materials (includes all student and instructor)	\$2135.00
PADI Application Fees	\$2117.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,747.00</b>

## Important Notes

- PADI Application Fees are payable to PADI at the time of application.
- PADI Material and Application Fees are subject to change by PADI without notice.
- All above mention fees are plus GST. No tax is applied to Instructor Application Fee or Instructor Examination Fee.
- Tuitions are tax deductible
- See Equipment Requirements sheet for additional information regarding scuba equipment needs.