

5. International Training Crossover Course

5.1 Introduction

The course is designed to give professionals crossing over to any International Training professional certification – SDI, TDI, ERDI, PFI, First Response Training International - the necessary skills and knowledge to work with International Training. This program covers the minimum requirements for an administratively conducted professional crossover program. Certain courses, agencies or regions may require practical evaluations of performance as part of the crossover program. To see if a candidate requires any practical assessment, please contact the training department.

5.2 Qualifications of Graduates

Upon successful completion of this course, graduates may:

1. Conduct training courses and issue certifications for approved ratings and programs.

5.3 Who May Teach

1. An active Instructor Trainer or Course Director.
2. International Training-approved agency representative.
3. World HQ Training Department.

5.4 Student to Instructor Ratio.

Academic:

1. Unlimited, so long as adequate facilities, supplies and time are provided to ensure comprehensive and complete training of subject matter.

Confined Water, if applicable:

1. Unlimited, so long as adequate facility, supplies and time are provided to ensure comprehensive and complete training of subject matter.

Open Water, if applicable:

1. Unlimited, so long as proper evaluation can be provided where open water evaluations are required.

5.5 Student Prerequisites

1. Have professional qualifications from an agency recognized by International Training. Contact the Training department for a list of approved agencies and courses.
2. Have no active quality assurance investigations or past quality assurance issues that prohibited teaching status or terminated membership. Quality assurance matters can be submitted to the HQ Training Department for review and consideration.

5.6 Course Structure and Duration

In-water execution; where required this course must be conducted either in confined water, open water, or both, at the instructor's discretion and in accordance with the required skill performance:

1. Crossovers requiring in-water evaluations must follow that course's evaluation requirements. Evaluations may only be conducted by active Instructor Trainers holding IT status for the level being evaluated.

Course Structure:

1. International Training allows instructors to structure courses according to the number of students participating and their skill level.

Duration:

1. The number of hours required depends on the number of candidates and levels crossing over.

5.7 Administrative Requirements

Administrative Tasks:

1. Collect the crossover fees from all candidates.
2. Ensure that the students have the required materials.
3. Ensure the candidates have been issued and completed the online familiarization course (if available in their language).
4. Communicate the schedule to the students.
5. Have the students complete the:
 - a. Applicable Crossover Application.
 - b. Waiver and Releases for any course requiring in-water evaluations.
 - c. Medical Release for any course requiring in-water evaluations.

Upon successful completion of the course the instructor must submit:

1. Crossover Application.
2. Crossover Checklist.
3. Copies of professional certification cards or printout of credentials from agency website.
4. Verification of professional Liability Insurance where applicable.
5. Printout of completed online familiarization course.
6. For levels requiring IT evaluation, an instructor registration form, signed by the evaluating IT.

5.8 Required Equipment

Equipment that is appropriate for level crossing over to when in-water evaluations are required. The following material is required:

1. Code for online professional familiarization course (if available in language/region).
2. Appropriate Divemaster, Assistant Instructor, or Instructor materials.
3. Crossover Checklist.
4. Appropriate Crossover Application.

The following material is available and recommended:

1. Crossover/Familiarization PowerPoint.

5.9 Required Subject Areas

The following topics must be covered during this course:

1. Administrative requirements and crossover packages.
2. History of International Training:
 - a. TDI.
 - b. SDI.
 - c. ERDI.
 - d. First Response Training International.
 - e. PFI.
3. Global representation:
 - a. Regional Offices.
 - b. Local Sales Managers.
4. Technical Diving International:

- a. Standards and procedures.
5. Scuba Diving International:
 - a. Standards and procedures.
6. Emergency Response Diving International:
 - a. Standards and procedures.
7. First Response Training International:
 - a. Standards and procedures.
8. Performance Freediving International:
 - a. Standards and procedures.
9. Risk management:
 - a. Waivers and Releases.
 - b. Medical requirements.
 - c. Insurance requirements.
10. Marketing with International Training:
11. Marketing resources.
12. Content development.
13. International Trainings services and benefits:
14. Website tools:
15. Accessing standards.
16. Registering Professional-level qualifications and Upgrades.
17. Registering divers.
18. Renewing membership.
19. Instructor resources.
20. Purchasing student materials.
21. Teaching aids.
22. International Training's Pledge to you.

5.10 Required Skill Performance and Graduation Requirements

For certain certifications crossing over, candidates are required to successfully complete certain in-water skills and other performance requirements. These can

be found in the instructor course standards in the Skill Performance and Graduation Requirements section.

In order to complete the crossover, candidates must:

1. Demonstrate mature and sound judgment and a thorough understanding of working with International Training.
2. The crossover is not complete until the HQ Training Department has reviewed all documents and the candidate has received their member number and proof of qualifications.