



## Professional Learning Agreement

Diver training courses are meant to be fun, but with any form of learning, you will need to invest some time and effort into the course. This learning agreement is between you (the student) and Underwater Connection, regarding our mutual responsibilities in this program.

The following information is designed to make your experience with UWC enjoyable and to prevent possible confusion throughout the course. Please read each item carefully and initial each item for your acknowledgement and understanding. If you do not understand one or more items, or if you have any questions, please be sure to ask Drew for clarification.

### **Course Requirements**

\_\_\_\_\_ Must be 18 years of age or older

\_\_\_\_\_ Must have the minimum number of logged dives and bottom time per current training standards for the desired certification prior to the start of the course. This will be verified by UWC staff.

\_\_\_\_\_ Must hold a valid CPR and First Aid certification, issued within 24 months prior to the start of the course, and valid throughout the entirety of the course.

\_\_\_\_\_ Must hold a valid O2 provider certification, issued within 24 months prior to the start of the course, and valid throughout the entirety of the course.

\_\_\_\_\_ Must be physically fit for diving as per the Scuba Medical Questionnaire.

**A doctor's note is NOT acceptable.**

**A physician's signature is required, it must be signed or co-signed by a DO or MD within 12 months prior to the start of the course, and valid throughout the entirety of the course.**

\_\_\_\_\_ As with all scuba courses, this course is performance-based. I understand and agree that Underwater Connection makes no guarantee that I will pass.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and agree that the instructor/certifier has sole-discretion in candidate competency decisions.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and agree that there are both objective and subjective grading criteria to any professional course, and that UWC staff have sole discretion in grades earned.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and agree that should I not pass my Instructor Evaluation, I will be not be refunded the IE fee and will be required to attend a different IE on a subsequent date. I will be charged again for any additional IE.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and agree that my water fitness will be evaluated. This evaluation will include, but is not limited to: 800yd mask, fins, and snorkel swim in under 20 minutes; 400yd freestyle swim; 15 minute tread; and 80ft underwater swim on a single breath.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and agree to maintain active teaching status, at a minimum, I must: maintain active status with SSI; be affiliated with an active SSI dive center; maintain current professional liability insurance as applicable to my rating and/or location; maintain current provider or instructor level ratings for CPR, First Aid, and Oxygen Administration.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and agree that Underwater Connection is an education institution and as such, does not make any guarantee of employment as an incentive for my enrollment into any professional course.

### **Payment Schedule & Refund Policy**

Full payment is required to reserve your spot in the class. **Rescheduling or cancellation within 14 days of the start of the class incurs a \$200 cancellation fee.**

### **Student materials are NON-REFUNDABLE**

Make-up sessions are available as the schedule permits and candidates may or may not be required to complete the missed sections prior to moving forward in the course, this is dependent on which section is missed. **Make-up fees are assessed and determined by which sections are missed and will cost between \$25 and \$75 per module, not including other expenses potentially incurred.** UWC will consider all mitigating circumstances when assessing make-up fees.

### **Candidate Responsibilities**

- Show up for all sessions on time and prepared
- Follow all course procedures as set forth by the instructor
- Ask questions about anything not understood
- Maintain a professional attitude at all times

### **Instructor/Staff Responsibilities**

Underwater Connection Staff agree to:

- Start the class as scheduled
- Provide a positive learning environment
- Answer the candidate's questions to the best of their abilities
- Assist the candidate through learning challenges.

**Other Disclaimers and Important Information**

- There are no refunds once you have started the course
- There are no transfers to another class once you have started the course
- The use of drugs or alcohol are not permitted when diving; this includes the use of medicinal or recreational marijuana. Underwater Connection reserves the right to discontinue any training if such practices are used. There will be NO REFUND in such cases.
- Underwater Connection is not responsible for any lost or stolen items (this also means that renters assume responsibility in these cases).

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO ALL OF THE ABOVE ITEMS. I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AGREE TO THE ABOVE ITEMS. THIS AGREEMENT IS VALID FROM THE TIME I SIGN UNTIL I AM NO LONGER A STUDENT WITH UNDERWATER CONNECTION. IF THERE ARE ANY FUTURE CHANGES TO THE AGREEMENT, I UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THAT I WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature (if under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
UWC Staff Signature