



# DIVE PROFESSIONAL

SSI INSTRUCTOR - A JOB WITH LIFE-WORK-BALANCE  
AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WORLDWIDE

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# DIVE PROFESSIONAL

## START YOUR CAREER

### GET READY

Whether you choose to just continue your education or start a whole new career, being an SSI Dive Professional is a very gratifying experience! Besides all the fun you will have, becoming a Dive Professional is personally and financially rewarding. Starting down the dive professional pathway provides many opportunities to develop your skills and further your diving career. Dive centers at home and especially dive resorts around the world offer many attractive opportunities for qualified staff with a professional attitude. SSI Dive Resorts around the world are constantly looking for well-educated and motivated staff offering wonderful career opportunities. SSI Dive Professionals earn their

livelihood doing what they really love – educating and diving. And, the best part is finding a job in just about anywhere in the world.

### WHY SSI

**Flexibility** – SSI's Training Standards and Total Teaching System are the perfect blend of structure and flexibility. We train you to be a dive professional capable of making judgments to meet the challenges of your geographic area and the needs of your students. **Quality** – SSI's Dive Professional pathway will teach you to lead dives, train you what it takes to produce confident, comfortable divers and make you a valuable asset in a dive center or resort. **Recognition** – SSI Dive Professionals are respected all

over the world because for their reputation of creating divers. The fact that business education is part of the dive professional training adds no small part to this acknowledgment.

In addition SSI holds the esteemed ISO certification worldwide. With over 30 SSI Service Centers globally, 2,500 Authorized Dive Centers and Dive Resorts in 110+ countries and educational materials translated and printed in 25+ languages, there is a world of opportunity waiting for you with SSI.

### SSI DIVE PROFESSIONAL

Since 1970, SSI has been a leader in professional education. The SSI Dive Guide program is a simple way for divers who want to be more involved, but aren't ready to take on the responsibility or the commitment of becoming an SSI Instructor. The Dive Guide program is the starting point for the Dive Professional adventure.

Completing the Science of Diving specialty is the next step to becoming a dive professional and upgrading to Divemaster. Science of Diving addresses all the areas of diving knowledge in a detailed and comprehensive manner: Physics, Physiology, Decompression Theory, Aquatic Environment and Diving Equipment. This knowledge is the basis for a successful career as an SSI Dive Professional.

As soon as you have completed Dive Guide, and the Science of Diving programs, you will be awarded with the SSI Divemaster rating. Then, you are on your way to becoming an SSI Dive Control Specialist.

Devoted Dive Professionals motivated to share their love of recreational diving will find the SSI Dive Control Specialist program very fitting and flexible. It allows you to teach in both the classroom and pool under indirect supervision of an instructor, giving you the basis and necessary experience to become an SSI Open Water Instructor. Your gained practical knowledge will be the corner stone for your professional career and ensures the safety and fun of your future students.

### DIVE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

**Dive Guide (DG):** This program is using practical application and background information. The goal is to create well-prepared, versatile and marketable Dive Professionals. SSI Dive Guides can lead and guide certified divers. Additionally, after passing the Snorkeling Instructor program, a Dive Guide can teach and issue Snorkeling certifications.



**Divemaster (DM):** Dive Guide plus the Science of Diving program equals Divemaster. Divemasters can teach the Try Scuba program (pool only) and assist SSI Instructors with pool/confined water and open water training under the direct supervision of an SSI Instructor. This brings valued experience for all future diving carriers!



**Dive Control Specialist (DCS):** Enroll in a Dive Control Specialist program or enter the program as a Divemaster from any approved agency. After you are certified you can teach Scuba Skills Update, Snorkeling and Try Scuba (pool only) and you can even upgrade Training Specialist - a further step at your carrier ladder.



**Training Specialist (TS):** A Dive Control Specialist can become a Training Specialist and teach certain SSI specialties by simply purchasing the training materials and co-teaching that Specialty with an SSI Instructor. These SSI Specialty programs include: Boat Diving, Digital Underwater Photographs, Navigation, Perfect Buoyancy, and many more.





# INSTRUCTOR

## SSI CAREER PATHWAY

### SSI OPEN WATER INSTRUCTOR

From the time man had the urge to explore the underwater world, the pleasures were denied to the vast majority until scuba training and equipment were developed in its present form. Now that diving is accessible to anyone, there is a high demand for people who have a passion for diving and want to share that experience with others. For SSI, the most important step in a Dive Professional's career is becoming a person who can train new divers – the SSI Open Water Instructor.

The Open Water Instructor's mission is to inspire and influence beginners to grow in their diving experiences with the goal of

making them committed divers. The goal of the Instructor Training Course (ITC) is to increase your retail business and industry knowledge, expand your teaching skills and add professional presentation/sales experience through modern workshops and practical applications. It is an opportunity to learn how to deliver "The Ultimate Dive Experience." The SSI Instructor Training Course is a unique program that has stood the test of time. In order to stay competitive in today's diving industry, the program has been updated to ensure that all Dive Professionals are equipped with the latest retail business training and industry knowledge. A newly certified SSI Open Water Instructor can be absolutely sure to have all necessary skills and knowledge to work successfully.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION OPTIONS FOR INSTRUCTORS

Continuing Education is a main factor for long term success as an Instructor and for the diving industry as a whole. SSI offers you a personalized and flexible way to continue your career after your Instructor Evaluation. First you need to take the decision which Specialty Programs you would like to teach in future. Then you simply co-teach a program with an experienced Instructor who is qualified for those Specialty Programs or you enroll a Specialty Instructor Seminar with an active Instructor Trainer. After some teaching experience in Specialty Programs you will be automatically upgraded the Advanced Open Water Instructor rating as a recognition for your achievements.

Divemaster Instructors, Dive Control Specialist Instructors and Instructor Trainers built the foundation for the success of the SSI System, because this team trains the Dive Professionals of the future. Educating well trained and versatile Dive Professionals is the most important aspect in the diving industry.

Divemaster Instructors train Dive Guides and Divemasters, who are specialized in guiding safe and exciting dives for certified divers.

Dive Control Specialist Instructors educate Assistant Instructors who can teach Academic- and Pool Sessions under indirect supervision. This will give Dive Control Specialists the chance to collect valuable teaching experience which builds the foundation to become a successful future Instructor. Dive Control Specialist Instructors are also eligible to assist in an Instructor Training Courses (ITC) by which they can make a significant contribution to Instructor Training. This makes the Dive Control Specialist Instructor the most important level in the SSI system, because they lay the foundation for quality training skills of the future instructors in their Dive Control Specialist programs.

The next step in the Dive Professional Career is to reach out for the Instructor Trainer rating. This is the highest rating in the SSI system, because Instructor Trainers can teach all programs below their own level plus Specialty Instructor Seminars for all Specialties they are qualified for.

### INSTRUCTOR CAREER PATHWAY

**Open Water Instructor (OWI):** After achieving the Dive Control Specialist rating, you enroll in the Instructor Training Course. On successful completion you can attend an Instructor Evaluation. Passing earns you the Open Water Instructor. You can teach and issue certifications for Open Water Diver, Advanced Adventurer and other programs.



**Specialty Instructor (SPI):** After your Open Water Instructor, you can start working towards Specialty Instructor. You can qualify by attending Specialty Instructor Seminars or co-teaching Specialty Programs with a qualified instructor. If you already hold Specialties as a Training Specialist, they will be automatically upgraded to Specialty Instructor.

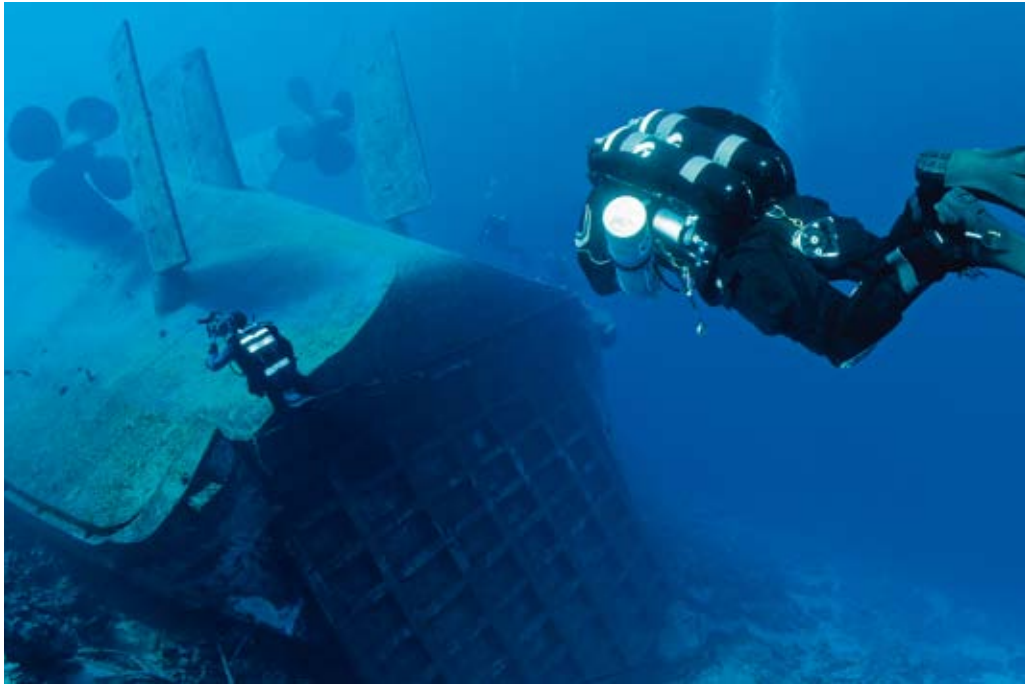


**Advanced Open Water Instructor (AOWI):** Simply qualify for a total of four Specialty Instructor ratings, issue 15 Specialty certifications and you automatically upgrade to the Advanced Open Water Instructor. You are now qualified to teach the Snorkel Instructor program, plus any other Specialties you are qualified to teach.



**Divemaster Instructor (DMI):** As Advanced Open Water Instructor you are eligible to become a Divemaster Instructor. This is an important step in the continuation of your Dive Professional career! As a Divemaster Instructor you are qualified to issue Science of Diving, Dive Guide and Divemaster certifications.





# EXTENDED RANGE NEW POSSIBILITIES

## EXTENDED RANGE

At some point nearly every diver wants to extend their knowledge beyond the limits of recreational diving and wants to experience more challenging diving. Extended Range has it all! With professional training materials, comprehensive standards and flexible course combinations makes the SSI Extended Range program a unique experience. All courses and training materials were developed by industry professionals with decades of technical diving experience. Extended Range offers three pathways: Advanced Wreck, Cavern or Extended Range. To qualify for Extended Range Instructor Training Course you only need to be an Open Water, Deep and Nitrox Instructor and an Extended Range Diver. Now you can sign

up for the course! The procedures to qualify for Cavern and Advanced Wreck Diving Instructor are similar. If you are not an Extended Range diver and you want to get started, we also have combined diver and instructor programs, simply ask your Dive Center or Resort how to enroll. We also have an equivalency chart for crossover.

## TECHNICAL EXTENDED RANGE

Now that you have moved beyond recreational diving with Extended Range, there is more! You need to choose a pathway or you can do all three – Technical Deep, Technical Wreck or Full Cave. Then you need to collect diving- and training experience to qualify for the higher rating(s). The SSI Technical Extended Range

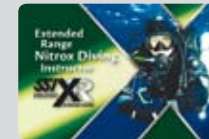
Instructor Programs demand a certification on diver level plus adequate diving experience in the area you want to qualify for.

## EXTREME FLEXIBILITÄT

Instructors can also join Extended Range Programs as „Beginners“, because course combinations of Diver- and Instructor Levels are possible. Certifications of other agencies will be accepted for Cross-overs based on the actual Equivalence List.

## XR CAREER PATHWAY

**Extended Range Nitrox Instructor:** The SSI Extended Range Nitrox program contains decompression diving up to a depth of 45 meters using recreational diving equipment and one stage cylinder. This creates the opportunity of an easy and very useful first step in our Extended Range Program. It's simple and easy to conquer new limits!



**Extended Range Instructor:** Using the same course content as Extended Range Nitrox, you simply change the equipment configuration to Twin Cylinders, Redundant Air Delivery Systems, Back Plate, Wing, Harness and make additional dives. Upgrading from XR Nitrox towards Extended Range is possible at any time.



**Advanced Wreck & Cavern Diving Instructor:** Advanced Wreck- or Cavern Diving is a limited penetration within the daylight zone. To qualify for either of these Instructor Training Course you only need to be an Open Water Instructor including Deep-, Enriched Air Nitrox- and Wreck Diving Instructor and be certified in Advanced- Wreck or Cavern Diving.



## TXR CAREER PATHWAY

**Advanced Decompression Procedures Instructor:** With this program you perform decompression dives using air and oxygen enriched gases to 55 meters. You need to be qualified as an Extended Range Instructor and be certified in Advanced Decompression Procedures. You must attend and complete the equalant Training Course.



**Normoxic & Hypoxic Trimix Instructor:** This program will dive deep into decompression diving using trimix – Normoxic Trimix diving up to 65 meters and Hypoxic Trimix up to 100 meters. First you will need to be an Advanced Decompression Procedures Instructor. In addition you will need to attend the equalant Training Course for this rating.



**Technical Wreck Instructor:** Tech Wreck will train you the full penetration of wrecks giving you the time to explore the artifacts of ship. You need to be qualified as an Extended Range Instructor and be certified in Technical Wreck Diving. In addition you need proof of experience of 100 tech wreck dives and attend the equalant Training Course.



**Cave Diving Instructor:** With training in decompression procedures and limited trimix, full Cave will train you on extending your time to penetrate deep into caves. You need to be qualified as an Extended Range Instructor and be certified in Cave Diving. You need proof of experience of 50 cave dives and attend the equalant Training Course.





# INSTRUCTOR TRAINER

## LIVE YOUR DREAM

### SSI INSTRUCTOR TRAINER

The pinnacle of SSI's dive professional training is the desirable Instructor Trainer rating. SSI Instructor Trainers are qualified to teach the Instructor Training Course (ITC) and prepare future SSI Instructors for their Instructor Evaluation (IE). This is one of the most rewarding and most challenging experiences an Instructor can perform.

The Instructor Trainer Seminar (ITS) is an international event where you will meet instructors from all over the world. You will experience intensive training and evaluations as well as the opportunity to build a personal network with people from other countries who share your

passion. This is your chance to become "The Ultimate Dive Instructor." Beyond SSI's recreational programs, there are other opportunities for Instructor Trainer ratings – Extended Range Instructor Trainer, Technical Extended Range Instructor Trainer, Freediving Instructor Trainer and Swim Teacher Trainer.

### DIVE PROFESSIONAL CROSSOVER

If you currently hold a rating from another recognized agency and see the "Limitless SSI Possibilities," we have a simplified crossover system – Recreational, Technical or Freediving! We recognize that as a qualified instructor you already know how to train divers. Our crossover is designed to simply familiarize you with the

SSI Total Teaching System and the difference in our water skills. It's that simple. The ratings you currently hold with your other recognized agency will be matched one-to-one with SSI ratings. After completion, you can continue your career with SSI without limits! Any active Instructor Trainer can conduct Dive Professional Crossovers independently which ensures quick service, efficient logistics and flexible scheduling. Visit [www.diveSSI.com](http://www.diveSSI.com) and find the Instructor Training Center near you!

### TRAINER CAREER PATHWAY

**Dive Control Specialist Instructor (DCSI):** After attending a seminar you get certified. You can now train Dive Control Specialists (Assistant Instructors), and assist in Instructor Training Courses (ITC). After Upgrade and Crossover training conducted by the SSI Service Center a Dive Control Specialist Instructor can also conduct Instructor Crossovers.



**Master Instructor (MI):** After 150 certifications of various ratings and at least 250 logged dives, you will be automatically upgraded to the Master Instructor. With this rating, it qualifies you to actively take part SSI Product Review and enroll in an Instructor Trainer Seminar. SSI honors your training experience and looks for your input on future developments.



**Instructor Trainer (IT):** Once you have successfully passed the Instructor Trainer Seminar you can teach and issue certifications for Instructor Training Courses, Specialty Instructor and Dive Control Specialist Instructor Seminars, and Instructor Crossover programs. You will determine significantly the quality of future instructors.



### FREEDIVING INSTRUCTOR

Freediving offers exciting new adventures: unlimited possibilities of thrilling actions, demanding challenges, but also peacefulness and relaxation! No matter if you are diving to 5 or 15 meters or even deeper, you and your students will enjoy the beautiful underworld in complete freedom and silence. Freediving is for all ages and adds a high level of physical fitness. You enjoy a truly new diver experience, undisturbed of breathing noise or heavy scuba equipment. All travelers will also appreciate the light free diving gear.

If this sounds like you, simply enroll in the Freediving Instructor Training Course (FITC) and learn how to provide, "The Ultimate Freediving Experience."

Level 1-3

SSI offers three level for freediving: One – 10 to 20 meters. Two – 20 to 30 meters and Three – 30 to 40 meters. To acknowledge different experiences with freediving SSI has different options to start a freediving instructor career. Please ask directly at your SSI center for all possibilities.



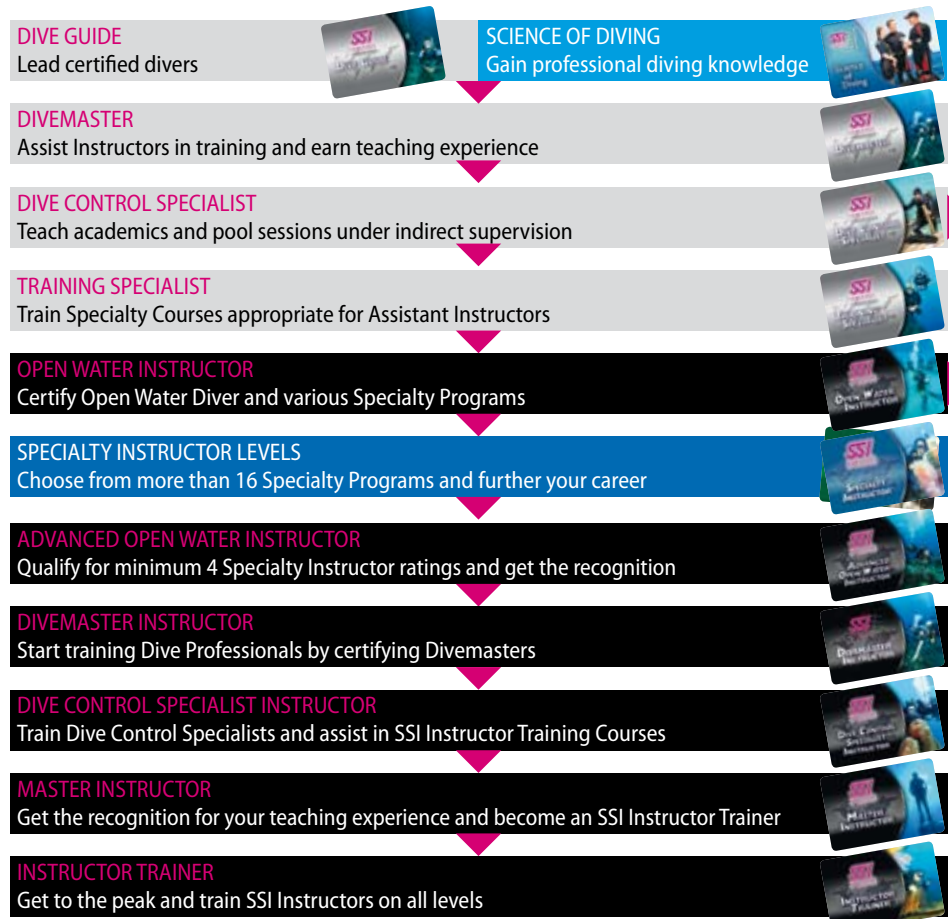
# SSI CAREER PATHWAY

## THE CHOICE IS YOURS



### DIVE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

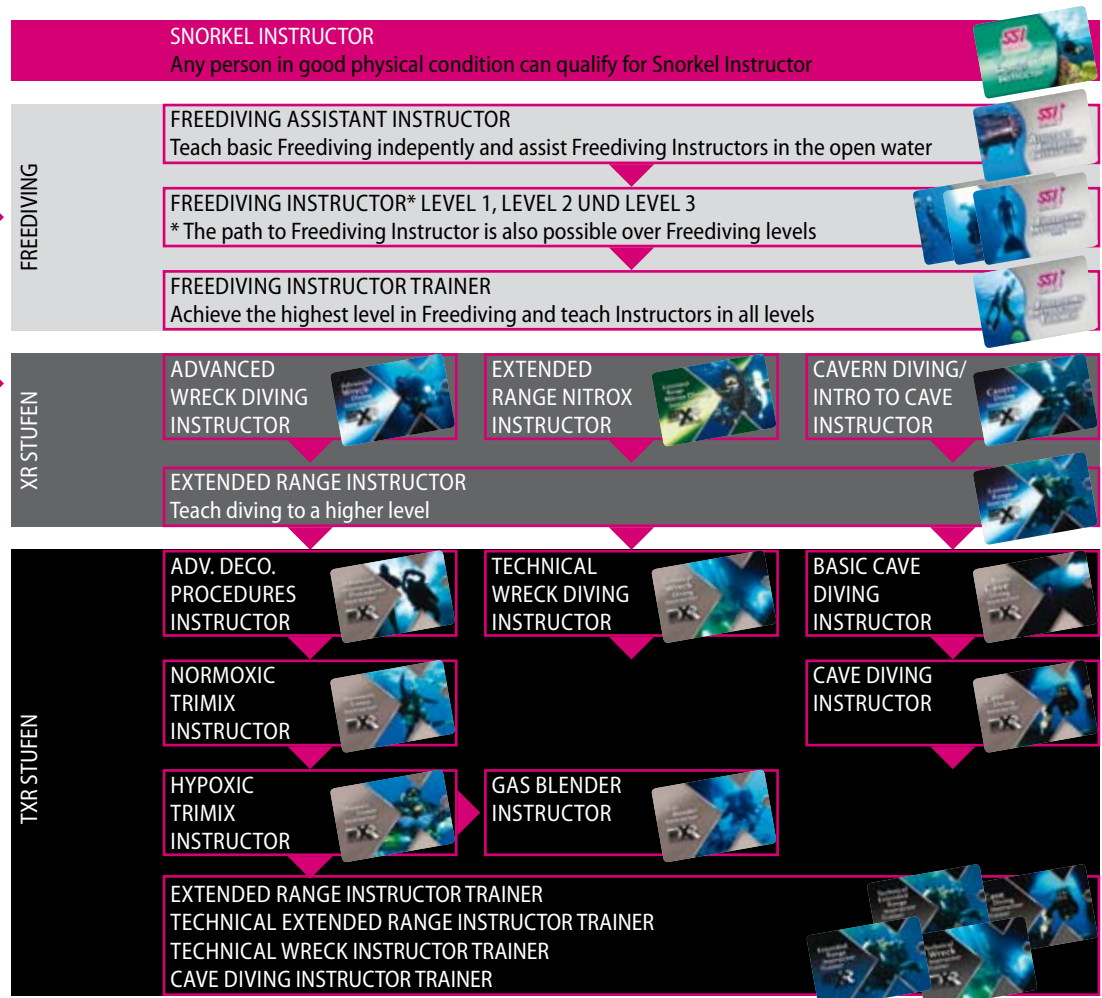
Start your career and become a Dive Pro in the diving industry



**RECOGNITION LEVELS:** Century Instructor (100), Silver Instructor (300), Gold Instructor (500), Platinum Instructor (1000) und Platinum Pro Instructor (5000)

### FREEDIVING & EXTENDED RANGE

Extend your horizon and discover more options to further your career



• Over 40 Years of Experience • 2500 Dive Centers Worldwide • 110 Countries • 30+ Languages



## EVERYTHING DIVING

Everything Diving is the new SSI App. – Free, easy to install, intuitive and “everything” a diver needs at home and abroad:

- Your SSI certifications
- Important Checklists
- Equipment
- Buddy Check List
- Dive Planning
- First Aid
- Hand Signals Review
- First Aid and Neuro Assessment Flow Charts – just in case of an emergency!
- SSI Dive Center & Resorts near you and worldwide – all with a detailed description of their services offered.



Dive Center: