



2019 PADI Open Water Courses

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If you've always wanted to take scuba diving lessons, experience unparalleled adventure and see the world beneath the waves, this is where it starts. Get your scuba diving certification with the PADI® Open Water Diver course – the world's most popular and widely recognized scuba course. Millions of people have learned to scuba dive and gone on to discover the wonders of the aquatic world through this course. To enroll in a PADI Open Water Diver course, you must be 10 years old or older. You need adequate swimming skills and need to be in good physical health. No prior experience with scuba diving is required. **Get your scuba certification; easy as 1 – 2 – 3!**

STEP #1

Knowledge Development

The Knowledge Development Portion of the course is designed so you can learn at your own pace and when it's convenient for you. Complete the academics online or with your PADI Instructor.

STEP#2

Confined Water – Pool

Develop and practice scuba skills in the pool under direct instructor supervision. As you learn new skills, you'll build the abilities and confidence needed for diving in open water.

STEP #3

Open Water Dives

Get ready to experience everything you've learned with the freedom of open water. As soon as your open water training dives are approved by your instructor you will be a PADI certified Open Water diver!



Time Commitment

PADI courses are performance-based; enabling you to progress at your own pace. This type of learning ensures competent and prepared divers. Course completion varies by individual but normally takes just a couple of weekends.

Cost

Learning to scuba dive is comparable to other popular sports and outdoor activities (like a day of surfing or a week-end rock climbing but is a life-time certification. The cost varies depending on private vs group lessons and online vs book learning.

Essential gear

The fit and comfort of your personal equipment are keys to having an enjoyable diving experience. At a minimum, you'll want your own mask, snorkel, and fins when you begin. Your instructor will help ensure you have the proper equipment.

The Details:

The PADI Open Course graduates each diver through a three-step program:

- **Step#1:** Academic Sessions: The knowledge Development Portion of the course is designed so you can learn at your own pace and when it's convenient for you. This is completed via eLearning online and followed up with a short session with your PADI Instructor.
- **Step #2:** Pool Sessions: Develop and practice scuba skills in the pool under direct instructor supervision. As you learn new skills, you'll build the abilities and confidence needed for diving in open water. Pool sessions are completed in one weekend at a local pool.
- **Step #3:** Open Water Sessions: Get ready to experience everything you've learned with the freedom of open water. As soon as your open water training dives are approved by your instructor you will be a PADI certified Open Water diver! The open water sessions are completed in one weekend at the [Pennyroyal Quarry](#) in Hopkinsville, KY (about an hour NW of Nashville).

Dates: (Steps #1 & #2; Step #3)

- Step #1: (eLearning) - the course starts anytime you are ready; complete this portion anytime and move on to Step #2. Standard book learning is also available.
- Step #2: (pool sessions) - the pool weekends are on a continual basis year-round
- Step#3: (open water dives) - local quarry dives (May thru October). Note you can complete this portion on trips with us to other location (year-round) or you can complete this portion on a trip you have planned

Cost: (Steps #1 & #2) - \$424 (eLearning) or \$299 (book learning & classroom)

- Included: eLearning (online) or book, professional instruction, all scuba gear use for the pool sessions
- Not included: personal gear (mask, snorkel, fins - boots optional). Personal fit and comfort are the most important; this gear can be used for snorkeling or diving while on vacation. We can assist you with this gear to ensure a proper fit and save you money.

Cost: (Step #3) – Varies depending on location and travel

- Local quarry dives: \$110 (includes: professional instruction, use of scuba gear for the dives, PADI Log Book, PADI Open Water Certification card; not included: daily quarry entry fee: \$20)

Registration: Begin your adventure today!

- Upon receiving your course fee; your private eLearning code is sent to you via email – start today or your PADI Open Water book may be picked up at either location.

Notes:

- Minimum age is 10
- [PADI Medical form](#) must be satisfactorily completed
- Swim requirements: (we want you to be comfortable in the water): 200-yard swim (speed and form are not important); tread/float for 10 minutes