Scientific Diver Qualification Course

University of Hawai‘i at Hilo

Summer 2022 - 8/1/22 - 8/19/22

This course is designed to meet the University of Hawai‘i and American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS) knowledge and skill requirements for authorization as a Scientific Diver. Successful completion will also result in certification in DAN DFA Pro, and NAUI Rescue, Nitrox, and Master Diver.

Applications for the course are available online (https://hilo.hawaii.edu/diving-safety). The Scientific Diver Qualification Course will be limited to 8 students to maintain a high-quality training experience. Application due date is 6/1/22.

Priority will be based on academic standing, seniority (Faculty, Staff, PhD Students MS Students, Undergraduate Students by Academic Year, Volunteers); and immediacy of need for diving to complete research or educational objectives. Your priority status will be given to you on 6/8/22.

Course fees will be $700.00. This fee includes certifications for DAN DFA Pro, NAUI Rescue and Master Diver, dive slate, air fills, boat fees, and sampling gear use. Fees are due on the first day of the class, with checks made out to "RCUH".

Course prerequisites includes completing the UH Diver Application, UH Diving Medical Exam, and purchasing DAN Insurance. All students should have completed at a minimum Open Water Scuba training and having personal equipment inspected (details below) prior to the start of the class. Students will also be required to pass pool tests (swimming, skin, and scuba diving skills) and take the SDQC Scientific Diver written exam (course material on Google Classroom) on the first day of the class.

Diving equipment must be your own personal equipment. Required equipment includes thermal protection appropriate for 70-80F water (3mm or 5mm wetsuit), web weight belt or other weighting system, weights, mask, fins, snorkel, gloves, cutting device, compass, submersible pressure gauge, timing device & depth gauge (or dive computer), regulator with alternate air source, BCD, dive light, save-a-dive kit, and a gear bag to transport and manage gear. Your BC (must have a whistle on it), regulator and gauges (compass, pressure gauge, depth gauge or dive computer) must be inspected by the Diving Safety Program prior to use in the class.

Textbooks will be provided with course fees. The primary material will be accessed through Google Classroom.

COVID Vaccinations are required to participate in the course. Presentation of evidence of COVID vaccination completion by every participant at least two weeks prior to the start of the SDQC is required.

For more information, contact: University of Hawai‘i at Hilo Unit Dive Coordinator - Clint Collins - uhhdive@hawaii.edu