PADI Distinctive Specialty:
Neurological Assessment Provider

This program focuses on how to obtain essential information about a diver involved in a dive emergency and what information to relay to emergency medical services. It is an advanced-level program that provides additional training for those individuals who have PADI Emergency Oxygen Provider Specialty certification or a qualifying certification from another training organization.

Course Objective:
At the end of this program, Neurological Assessment Provider, participants will be able to:

- Understand and identify common warning signs of decompression illness.
- Take a dive history to determine when it is appropriate to conduct a complete On-Site Neurological Assessment.
- Use an On-Site Neurological Assessment Slate to conduct a complete On-Site Neurological Assessment.

Course Requirements:

1. Nondiving specialty (no confined or open water required)
2. Minimum age: None
3. PADI Emergency Oxygen Provider Specialty certification or a qualifying certification from another training organization.
4. Recommended hours – 2-3
5. Maximum student-to-instructor ratio: 12:1 during skill development sessions

Instructor Prerequisite for PADI Distinctive Specialty Instructor Certification:

1. Teaching status PADI Instructor with proof of a DAN On-Site Neurological Assessment for Divers Instructor rating or a qualifying certification from another training organization.

Information specific to using the outline - DAN On-Site Neurological Assessment for Divers:
1. Instructors don’t need to submit the outline as we have reviewed the materials at PADI.

2. There is no additional information sheet to send to instructors approved to teach the PADI Distinctive Specialty using the DAN outline.

3. The DAN course requires individuals to be DAN Instructors to teach the DAN course, and participants to be DAN Members. Anyone with the proper training and experience can qualify to teach the PADI Distinctive Specialty using whatever outline they choose to submit as long as it has been reviewed and approved by PADI.

4. DAN requires instructors to use the DAN student materials for the DAN course. If the instructor is submitting the DAN outline for PADI Distinctive Neurological Assessment Provider, we will assume they are requiring the DAN materials to teach their course, as that’s what the outline says. However, PADI does not require materials for distinctive specialties, including this one.

5. The DAN outline has a section related to a DAN Neuro Providers retraining program requiring within 24 months of the original course. PADI will support this recommendation; however, PADI does not issue secondary (retraining) distinctive specialty cards to people who are retraining. (Our system is not set up to handle multiple cards for the same specialty.)