



Preschool Aquatics

COURSE FACT SHEET

Course	Purpose	Prerequisites
Preschool Aquatics Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Familiarize children approximately 4 and 5 years old to the aquatic environment and help them acquire rudimentary basic aquatic skills Help participants begin to develop positive attitudes and safe practices in and around water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No skill prerequisites Children should be approximately 4 years old or older
Preschool Aquatics Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build on and improve skills learned in Preschool Aquatics Level 1 Increase knowledge of water safety topics introduced in Preschool Aquatics Level 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful demonstration of the Preschool Aquatics Level 1 exit skills assessment
Preschool Aquatics Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase proficiency and build on the basic aquatic skills learned in Preschool Aquatics Levels 1 and 2 Reinforce water safety concepts and skills introduced in earlier levels and introduce additional water safety topics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful demonstration of the Preschool Aquatics Level 2 exit skills assessment
Learning Objectives		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Preschool Aquatics Skills Chart 		
Length		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No minimum number of hours suggested 		
Instructor		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently authorized Water Safety (r. 14) instructor 		
Course Completion Requirements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate competency in all required skills and activities, including in-water skills Successfully complete the level's exit skills assessment (see Preschool Aquatics Skills Chart) 		
Course Completion Cards Issued and Validity Period		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preschool Aquatics—No validity period 		
Participant Materials		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Red Cross Swim app <i>Swim Lessons Achievement Booklet</i> 		

- Preschool Aquatics Level 1 skills may be performed with support.
- Preschool Aquatics Level 2 skills may be performed with assistance.
- Preschool Aquatics Level 3 skills are performed independently.

SKILLS CHART

Preschool Aquatics Level 1	Preschool Aquatics Level 2	Preschool Aquatics Level 3
Water Adjustment, Entry and Exit		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter water using ramp, steps or side • Exit water using ladder, steps or side 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter by stepping in from deck or low height into shoulder-deep water • Exit using ladder, steps or side from chest-deep water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter by jumping in to shoulder-deep water
Breath Control and Submerging		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blow bubbles, 3 seconds • Submerge mouth, nose and eyes • Open eyes underwater and retrieve submerged objects in shallow water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bobbing, 5 times • Open eyes underwater and retrieve submerged objects in chest-deep water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully submerge and hold breath, 10 seconds • Bobbing, 10 times, in chest-deep water • Rotary breathing, 5 times
Buoyancy on Front		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front glide, 2 body lengths • Recover from a front glide to a vertical position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front glide, 2 body lengths • Front float, 3 seconds • Recover from a front float or glide to a vertical position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Float in a face-down position, 10 seconds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Front float ○ Jellyfish float ○ Tuck float • Recover from a front float or glide to a vertical position
Buoyancy on Back		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back glide, 2 body lengths • Back float, 3 seconds • Recover from a back float or glide to a vertical position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back glide, 2 body lengths • Back float, 5 seconds • Recover from a back float or glide to a vertical position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back glide, 3 body lengths • Back float, 15 seconds • Recover from a back float or glide to a vertical position
Changing Direction and Position and Treading		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll from front to back • Roll from back to front • Arm and hand treading actions, in chest-deep water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll from front to back • Roll from back to front • Tread water using arm and leg actions, 15 seconds in shoulder-deep water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change direction of travel while swimming on front or back • Tread water, 30 seconds in shoulder-deep water
Swim on Front		
<p><i>All—2 body lengths</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternating leg action • Simultaneous leg action • Alternating arm action • Simultaneous arm action • Combined arm and leg actions on front 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined arm and leg actions on front, 3 body lengths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined arm and leg actions on front, 5 body lengths

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<p><i>All—2 body lengths</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternating leg action • Simultaneous leg action • Alternating arm action • Simultaneous arm action • Combined arm and leg actions on back 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finning arm action, 3 body lengths • Combined arm and leg actions on back, 3 body lengths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finning arm action, 5 body lengths • Combined arm and leg actions on back, 5 body lengths
Water Safety		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staying safe around water • Recognizing the lifeguards • Don't Just Pack It, Wear Your Jacket—demonstrate • Recognizing an emergency • How to call for help—demonstrate • Too Much Sun Is No Fun 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staying safe around water • Recognizing the lifeguards • Don't Just Pack It, Wear Your Jacket—demonstrate • Recognizing an emergency • How to call for help—demonstrate • Too Much Sun Is No Fun 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The danger of drains • Don't Just Pack It, Wear Your Jacket • Recognizing an emergency • How to call for help • Too Much Sun Is No Fun • Look Before You Leap • Think So You Don't Sink • Reach or Throw, Don't Go
Exit Skills Assessment		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter independently, using either the ramp, steps or side, travel at least 5 yards, submerge to mouth and blow bubbles for at least 3 seconds then safely exit the water. (Children can walk, move along the gutter or “swim.”) 2. While in shallow water, glide on front at least 2 body lengths, then roll to back and float on back for 3 seconds, then recover to a vertical position. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Glide on front for at least 2 body lengths, roll to back, float on back for 15 seconds, then recover to a vertical position. 2. Glide on back for at least 2 body lengths, roll to front, then recover to a vertical position. 3. Swim using combined arm and leg actions on front for at least 3 body lengths, roll to back, float for 15 seconds, roll to front, then continue swimming on front for at least 3 body lengths. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Step from the side into chest-deep water, push off the bottom, move into a treading or floating position for 15 seconds, swim on front and/or back for 5 body lengths, then exit the water. 2. Move into a back float for 15 seconds, roll to front, then recover to a vertical position. 3. Push off and swim using combined arm and leg actions on front for 5 body lengths, roll to back, float for 15 seconds, roll to front, continue swimming for 5 body lengths.