



## Seabee UCT Diver Challenge

**UCT Divers** are qualified to dive using Navy-approved SCUBA and Surface-Supplied air diving apparatus in both permissive and non-permissive environments. Qualified Seabees will also learn to test, repair, and adjust Navy-approved diving equipment. They will learn the laws of diving physics and be able to recognize symptoms of decompression sickness and diving accidents, as well as assist in their treatment. Seabees may also volunteer for UCT Diver training during basic training at Recruit Training Center, at "A" school, or at any time during their enlistment prior to their 31st birthday. In-service recruiters (Dive Motivators) at RTC, conduct the physical training screening tests, and assist interested people with their applications. UCT Diver training is physically and mentally demanding, but the individual who accepts the challenges is rewarded with extra pay for diving, plus extraordinary duty assignments.

**Seabee UCT Diver Challenge information is available in COMNAVCRUITCOMINST 1130.8G VOL 1 CHAPTER 4 SECTION 4.**

### Source Ratings:

Seabee Rates: BU, CE, CM, EA, EO, SW, and UT. Applicants must be no older than 26 years of age at time of enlistment. Program open to both male and female applicants.

### What They Do

- Underwater construction and expedient repair using cutting, welding, grinding, concrete placement, component assembly, system installation,
- Underwater material inspection
- Precision explosive demolition
- Seafloor excavation, hydrographic surveys, object search and recovery
- Engineering reconnaissance
- Support to amphibious operations
- Participate in research and development of new diving techniques/procedures;
- Hyperbaric chamber operators, inside tenders and supervisors.
- Projects may include piers, piles, wharves, quay walls, causeways, bridges, boat ramps, moored systems, pipelines, cables, ranges, and magnetic silencing facilities

### Working Environment

Because divers may be assigned in any part of the world, The environment will vary as widely as water conditions: cold, muddy water where underwater tasks can be completed by feel only. The work is both physically and mentally challenging and involves working as part of a team.

### Career Path After Recruit Training

Enlistees attend the Seabee source rating A-School where they receive apprentice level skill training in their assigned rate. Following A-School the candidates will be detailed to a Navy Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) for 18-24 months to gain Seabee skills and earn their Seabee Combat Warfare qualification. Following the NMCB tour candidates are sent to Dive School to attend the UCT-Basic course of instruction. Following completion of UCT-Basic the Seabee is awarded the NEC-5932 (UCT Basic Diver). The UCT Diver career path entails assignments to the Underwater Construction Teams located in Port Hueneme, CA and Virginia Beach, VA. Advanced schools include the UCT- Advanced and UCT Master Diver courses of instruction. .

School	Present Location	Approximate Training Time	Subjects	Training Methods
Seabee Source Rate A-School	FORT Lee, VA Gulfport, MS, Port Hueneme, CA, Fort Lenardwood, MO, Shephard AFB	Approximately 9 Weeks-13 weeks	Builder, Construction Electrician, Construction Mechanic, Engineering Aid, Equipment Operator, Steelworkder	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction
UCT-Basic	Panama City, Fla.	26 weeks	Basic air diving and skills such as underwater cutting and welding; using hand tools and hydraulic tools; and other underwater tasks associated with Seabee underwater construction.	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction
UCT-Advanced	Panama City, Fla.	18 weeks	Advanced diving skills.	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction
Master Diver Qualification	Panama City, Fla.	2 weeks	Review of all aspects of diving theory and practical knowledge.	Rigid evaluation of problem solving ability during simulated casualties



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### Opportunities

Approximately 200 men and women work in the UCT program. Placement and advancement opportunities are excellent for qualified applicants.

### Qualifications and Interests

Culinary Specialists must be good team workers and enjoy working with people. The ability to do detailed work, follow instructions, and keep accurate records is important. Good arithmetic and verbal skills, creative ability and an interest in nutrition and culinary arts are also helpful.

### Earn Industry Recognized Credentials



Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (Navy COOL) Navy COOL catalogs and defines comprehensive information on occupational credentials - including certifications, licenses, and apprenticeships - correlating with every Navy rating and some collateral duties. It provides "how to" instructions for pursuing these credentials, links to credentialing organizations, and cross-references to programs that help Sailors pay for credentialing fees. Shortly following the initial rating technical training (Class "A" technical school), Sailors may be able to take advantage of earning civilian/industry certifications & licenses (credentials), funded through Navy COOL. Visit the Navy COOL website to view these opportunities. See the link below.

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Download the Navy COOL App:

Navy COOL App (iOS):

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/navy-cool/id1053982994?ls=1&mt=8>

Navy COOL App (Android):

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tracen.navycool>

### Earn Skill Sets Towards Civilian Related Occupations



The skill sets for this rating crosswalk to civilian related occupations listed by the U.S. Department of Labor. To see Related Civilian, Federal, and Military Sealift Command Occupations for this rating, see the link below.

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