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.

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.

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.

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<th>Approximate Training Time</th>
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<td>Seabee Source Rate A-School</td>
<td>Fort Lee, VA, Gulfport, MS, Port Hueneme, CA, Fort Leonard Wood, MO, Shepard AFB</td>
<td>Approximately 9-13 weeks</td>
<td>Builder, Construction Electrician, Construction Mechanic, Engineering Aid, Equipment Operator, Steelworker</td>
<td>Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction</td>
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<td>UCT-Basic</td>
<td>Panama City, FL</td>
<td>26 weeks</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>UCT-Advanced</td>
<td>Panama City, FL</td>
<td>18 weeks</td>
<td>Advanced diving skills</td>
<td>Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction</td>
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<td>Master Diver Qualification</td>
<td>Panama City, FL</td>
<td>2 weeks</td>
<td>Review of all aspects of diving theory and practical knowledge.</td>
<td>Rigid evaluation of problem solving ability during simulated casualties</td>
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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 is open to both male and female applicants.

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.
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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 & INTERESTS**
Personnel who volunteer for UCT must be in excellent condition. Comfort in the water beyond good swimming ability and no aversion to confinement in close spaces is a must. The ability to perform the detailed mechanical tasks under stress and/or adverse conditions is important. Helpful attributes are a good memory, resourcefulness, and manual dexterity. UCT candidates must be U.S. citizens eligible for security clearance.

**EARN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL) NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED APPRENTICESHIPS**
The United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) is a formal military training program that provides active duty and Full Time Support (FTS) Service members the opportunity to improve their job skills and to complete their civilian apprenticeship requirements while they are on active duty. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) provides the nationally recognized "Certificate of Completion" upon program completion. Visit United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) for apprenticeships:
https://usmap.netc.navy.mil/usmapss/static/navyRates.htm

**EARN INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS**
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:
UCT https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/enlisted/uct_u_con_tec.htm

**DOWNLOAD THE NAVY COOL APP**
Navy COOL App (iOS):

Navy COOL App (Android):

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