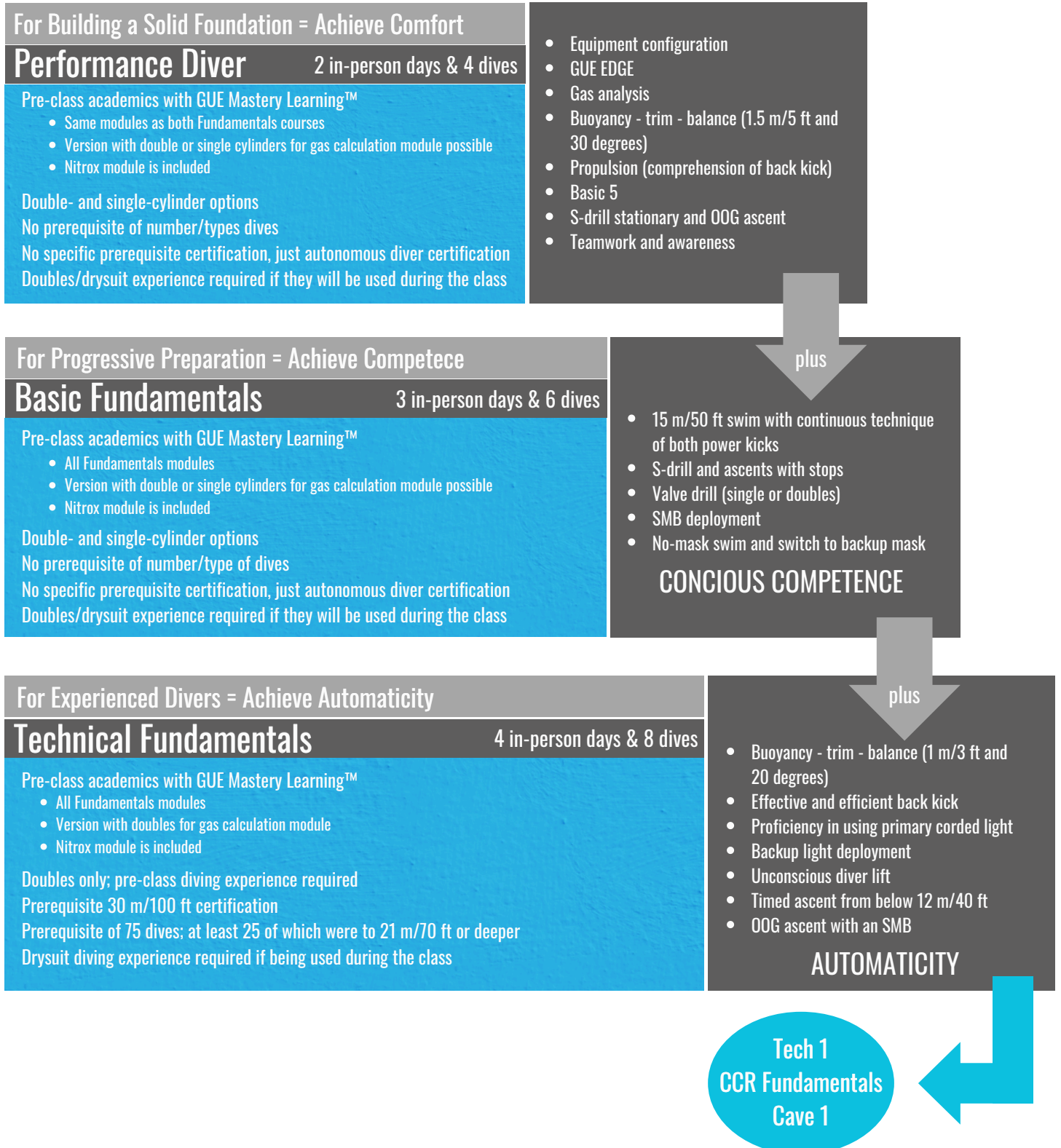


PERFORMANCE DIVER AND FUNDAMENTALS

COURSE PROGRESSION



- Courses for non-GUE certified divers (GUE entry classes)
- Pass - Provisional - Incomplete - Fail results
- Upgrades between levels (one or two days, depending on the progression path - see page 3)
- The next level starts with previous knowledge and skills assessment (GUE Mastery Learning™ for knowledge)
- The next level adds new skills and procedures and refreshes theory (GUE Mastery Learning™ for knowledge refresh)
- Only the Technical Fundamentals Pass opens progression to GUE cave/tech/CCR classes
- Performance Divers can progress via primers depending on goals and performance level



The GUE Performance Diver and GUE Technical Fundamentals courses are not ideal for teaching at the same time because the level of experience and expectations are too different. The **reason** why GUE implemented Performance Diver was exactly this: to **accommodate different levels of students** and create classes that **match their expectations and abilities**.

For example, If a candidate student for Technical Fundamentals cannot do a back kick (at least stopping/hovering) and/or has problems reaching valves, the better class for them is Basic Fundamentals, which would guarantee a better learning experience.

Evaluating students before the class is important, as well as ensuring (to the best of your abilities) that they are in the right class for their current skills. Pushing students into classes beyond their learning abilities does not serve the students' best interests and will only cause frustration and reduce learning potential.

A typical student might say:

For Building a Solid Foundation = Achieve Comfort

Performance Diver

- "I seek training to become a better diver; I want to learn to back kick and improve trim and buoyancy."
- "I want to feel more confident in the water to be able to have more fun, but I'm not ready for advanced classes."
- "I would like to know what GUE training is all about and learn about GUE equipment and procedures."

A great program for students who are new to GUE's way of diving.

They are not necessarily interested in technical/cave/CCR diving or are at the beginning of this path. Good way of introducing GUE concepts to new divers from outside of GUE.

For Progressive Preparation = Achieve Competence

Basic Fundamentals

- "I want to improve my back kick and learn about valve drills."
- "I want to do GUE Fundamentals but have no interest in tech, cave, or CCR."
- "I am an experienced recreational diver and know that I am signing up for a demanding class."
- "I have interest in GUE's recreational classes like DPV 1, Photogrammetry, Scientific Diver, etc."
- "I want to move to more advanced forms of diving like tech, cave, or CCR, but I know I need more time to achieve required level of skills and I want to learn progressively."

A good fit for divers with some experience; can be done in doubles. Good for more progressive learning for divers with limited experience and no immediate ambition to progress to tech/cave/CCR classes. Some remedial training is needed that can be achieved by meaningful practice.

CONCIOUS COMPETENCE

For Experienced Divers = Achieve Automaticity

Technical Fundamentals

- "I want to take cave, tech, or CCR training and am ready for a class that will bring my diving skills to a more advanced level."
- "I am already experienced and cave/tech trained by a different agency, and now I want to learn GUE's way of diving."
- "I already dive in the GUE equipment configuration and consider myself a skilled diver, and now it's time for more challenging dives."

A student with a GUE Technical Fundamentals rating must be ready for cave, tech, or CCR training from a skills, mindset, awareness, equipment familiarity, and theoretical perspective, with no remedial training needed.

AUTOMATICITY

Managing Upgrades on GUE.com

With the new classes, it is **very important** to **understand** which **skills** a diver is **missing** and what has to be taught. Some will only need an evaluation dive, while some will need two days of training. The GUE Standards do not contain specifications for upgrades, as there are too many scenarios. It is your responsibility to ensure a student meets all requirements for a given level prior to issuing certification.

The Upgrade to GUE Basic Fundamentals class is for...

Students who have:

- A GUE Performance Diver certification
- Completed Fundamentals Part 1
- A Provisional from GUE Fundamentals (v9.2)
- An Incomplete from GUE Fundamentals (v9.2)

The student will have access to the GUE Mastery Learning™ platform to review or refresh theory (if they had access before the upgrade).

The Upgrade to GUE Technical Fundamentals class is for...

Students who have passed:

- GUE Performance Diver
- Open Water (Rec 1)
- Advanced Open Water (Rec 2)
- Master Diver (Rec 3)
- GUE Basic Fundamentals
- GUE Fundamentals (v9.2) with Recreational rating

The student will have access to the GUE Mastery Learning™ platform to review or refresh theory (if they had access before the upgrade).

Provisional or Incomplete rating in Basic or Technical Fundamentals

For these students, you will need to create a new class of the original type and enter an evaluation, the same way provisional/incompletes are managed for all other classes now (e.g., Rec 1, Cave 1). Students must fulfill all certification criteria before certification.

The student **will continue** to have access to the GUE Mastery Learning™ platform to refresh theory before the upgrade.

Provisional or Incomplete rating in GUE Fundamentals (v9.2)

During the grace period, you can continue to use the old GUE Fundamentals Upgrade class to resolve these certifications with the previous Rec/Tech passes, or you can use the new Upgrade to GUE Basic Fundamentals or Upgrade to GUE Technical Fundamentals classes, ensuring that any students you intend to certify through the Upgrade to GUE Technical Fundamentals class meets the new prerequisites.

The student will have access to the GUE Mastery Learning™ platform to review or refresh theory (if they had access before the upgrade).

Fees for Classes and for Upgrades on GUE.com

The **Fundamentals registration fees are interchangeable**. E.g., if a student registers for Technical Fundamentals but needs to apply for or be moved to a Basic Fundamentals instead, they can do so (or the instructor can move them) and same for Basic to Technical.

Performance Diver or **Part 1** students who apply for **Upgrade to GUE (Basic or Technical) Fundamentals** will be charged a \$45 registration fee. This is to account for the difference in Fundamentals vs. PD registration fees plus the automatic inclusion of the new card.

GUE COURSE	REGISTRATION FEE	OPTIONAL FEE	NOTES
Performance Diver	\$75		The fee includes access to the GUE Mastery Learning™ platform and certification card
Basic Fundamentals	\$95		The fee includes access to the GUE Mastery Learning™ platform and certification card
Technical Fundamentals	\$95		The fee includes access to the GUE Mastery Learning™ platform and certification card
Upgrade to Fundamentals for Performance or Part 1 divers	\$45		The fee includes access to the GUE Mastery Learning™ platform and certification card
Upgrade to Fundamentals for OW, AOW, MD, and Rec/Basic or Provisional/Incomplete Fundamentals		\$30 certification (card) fee	The fee is optional and covers the cost of a new Tech Fund card for Basic (Rec) and OW, AOW, and Master Divers. Access to the GUE Mastery Learning™ platform continues if students had it before.

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