



# Preschool Aquatics

## COURSE FACT SHEET

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

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

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<b>Water Safety</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staying safe around water</li> <li>• Recognizing the lifeguards</li> <li>• Don't Just Pack It, Wear Your Jacket—demonstrate</li> <li>• Recognizing an emergency</li> <li>• How to call for help—demonstrate</li> <li>• Too Much Sun Is No Fun</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staying safe around water</li> <li>• Recognizing the lifeguards</li> <li>• Don't Just Pack It, Wear Your Jacket—demonstrate</li> <li>• Recognizing an emergency</li> <li>• How to call for help—demonstrate</li> <li>• Too Much Sun Is No Fun</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The danger of drains</li> <li>• Don't Just Pack It, Wear Your Jacket</li> <li>• Recognizing an emergency</li> <li>• How to call for help</li> <li>• Too Much Sun Is No Fun</li> <li>• Look Before You Leap</li> <li>• Think So You Don't Sink</li> <li>• Reach or Throw, Don't Go</li> </ul>
<b>Exit Skills Assessment</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.”)</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. Glide on back for at least 2 body lengths, roll to front, then recover to a vertical position.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. Move into a back float for 15 seconds, roll to front, then recover to a vertical position.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>