Reference the comparison chart below for details on both Instructor Courses and Certifications

	Water Safety Instructor	Basic Swim Instructor
Prerequisite Age	16	16
Prerequisite Skills	Swim the following strokes consistent with the stroke performance charts, Level 4 Front Crawl: 25 yards Back Crawl: 25 yards Breaststroke: 25 yards Elementary Backstroke: 25 yards Sidestroke: 25 yards Butterfly: 15 Yards*** Maintain position on back for 1 minute in deep water (floating or sculling) Tread water for 1 minute	Swim the following strokes consistent with the stroke performance charts, Level 3 Front Crawl: 25 yards Back Crawl: 25 yards Breaststroke: 25 yards Elementary Backstroke: 25 yards Sidestroke: 25 yards Complete the Water Competency Sequence: Step into water and total submerge Float or tread water for 1 minute Rotate one full circle and orient to exit Swim 25 yards without stopping Exit the water without using steps or a ladder
Course Format	Instructor Led	Instructor Led
Course Length	Hours	Hours
Instructor Trainer Certification	Water Safety Instructor Trainer	Water Safety Instructor Trainer
Course Fee	\$	\$
Instructor Candidates Materials	American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor's Manual American Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety Manual PDF Versions will be emailed to course participants	American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor's Manual American Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety Manual PDF Versions will be emailed to course participants
Courses Than Can Be Taught	 Parent and Child Aquatics (2 Levels) Preschool Aquatics (3 Levels) Learn-To-Swim Levels 1-6 Adult Swim (3 Levels) Private Swim Lessons (any level) Longfellow's WHALE Tales Water Safety Presentations (WSI Manual Chapter 11, & SWS Manual, Chapter 3) Water Safety Courses (WSI Manual Chapter 11) Basic Water Rescue (SWS Manual, Chapter 3) 	 Parent and Child Aquatics (2 Levels) Preschool Aquatics (3 Levels) Learn-To-Swim Levels 1-6 Adult Swim (3 Levels) Private Swim Lessons (any level) Longfellow's WHALE Tales Water Safety Presentations (WSI Manual Chapter 11, & SWS Manual, Chapter 3)
Recertification Requirements	Every 2 years from date of last training	Every 2 years from date of last training

^{***}Butterfly prerequisite skill will not be assessed or included in this course. Teaching of that skill will be left to the discretion of the competitive swimming coaches. We will teach how to assess the skill but it will not be part of the instructional program.