

# Academic Calendar

## 2017-2018 Dates to Remember

<u>Event</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Application Period	November 1- December 31, 2016
Onsite/Applicant Interview Period	February-March, 2017
Acceptance Notification Period	April 1-April 15, 2017
Enrollment Period	April 16-May 15, 2017
Registration	August 26, 2017
Orientation/First Day of Class	August 28, 2017
Last Day of Class	May 5, 2018
Graduation	May 6, 2018
Degrees Mailed	June 1, 2018

As this program is part of a public marine mammal facility, students are expected to work on all holidays, unless otherwise specified. DRCTI programs are structured as accelerated immersion experiences. There are no scheduled break periods prior to graduation.



# How to Apply

Go to <http://www.dolphins.org/drcti> to download an application as well as to find additional admissions information including:

- Prerequisites
- Selection process
- Program tuition and fees
- Institution Catalog



You can also contact our Education Department for additional information at: 305-289-1121 ext. 215  
Email: [drcti@dolphins.org](mailto:drcti@dolphins.org)

*\*Please note that an Occupational Associates Degree is a terminal degree and credits may not be transferable to other institutions.*



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## Dolphin Research Center Training Institute



Teaching...Learning...Caring...  
For Marine Mammals and the  
Environment We Share

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## What is the Dolphin Research Center Training Institute?

The DRC Training Institute was established by Dolphin Research Center (DRC) in 2012 in response to the limited availability of licensed professional educational programs that prepare individuals for careers regarding the behavior, care and training of marine mammals. Currently the DRCTI offers an Occupational Associate's degree in Marine Mammal Behavior, Care and Training with the intention of expanding and offering other degrees within the field of marine mammal professions.

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### Program Length

- August – May (36 weeks)
- Demanding immersion program
- Up to 60 hours per week
- Days, evenings, weekends, holidays

### Program Clock Hours

- 1680 hours (not including study time)
- 90% Hands on experience

## What type of Degree is offered?

Students who complete the program will earn an **Occupational Associate's Degree\* in Marine Mammal Behavior Care & Training (MMBCT)**.

This will allow them to gain the practical knowledge and skills to:

- Successfully assess marine mammal behavior
- Adeptly provide appropriate husbandry care
- Apply positive training techniques for the well being and enrichment of marine mammals in human care

Additionally, students will learn a variety of presentation techniques to be an informative, flexible and motivating educator/speaker to a wide range of audiences. They will also gain important critical thinking and communication skills that will prepare them to work in any environment as a cooperative, supportive team player.

Graduates will also be prepared to seek positions as experienced marine mammal trainers at facilities that house or display cetaceans and/or pinnipeds.



## Hands on and Classroom training



Students will be trained in both classroom and hands-on lab settings by experienced marine mammal care specialists.



They will also learn to conduct interactive dock programs between dolphins and people in a safe, educational and enjoyable manner.

