

RECONNAISSANCE / ASSAULT CLIMBER (RAC)

RECONNAISSANCE / ASSAULT CLIMBER (RAC) is a 4-day / 32 hour off-the-shelf course that was developed to provide the requisite urban and rural tactical climbing skills to facilitate the negotiation of vertical obstacles in high-risk, non-permissive environments. The course encompasses two days of wilderness / rural climbing skills at various cliff sights, rock slabs and quarries while the other two days utilize buildings, bridges, dwellings, and other man-made facilities to encompass the urban climbing portion of training. Graduates of this extremely informative course will be well qualified to properly plan, prepare, conduct, supervise, and lead all facets of tactical climbing operations, and additionally be qualified to as provide related instruction to personnel, in both urban and rural / wilderness venues. This no-nonsense, progressive training program is modeled from the U.S. Marine Corps Assault Climber Course and is taught by U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) graduates of the course or similar U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) or allied nation models.

COURSE CONTENT includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Role of the Reconnaissance / Assault Climber
- SOP development
- Development of a mishap and training safety plan
- Development of organizational "vertical" capabilities
- Personnel selection criteria and development of a tactical climbing team
- Mission planning, intelligence development, briefing, rehearsals, inspections, debriefing
- Knot tying skills
- Rope management, equipment selection, maintenance, accountability
- Natural and man-made anchors
- Mechanical advantage
- One rope bridge
- Vertical hauling lines
- Rappel points and rappelling
- Balance climbing
- Top roping
- Placing protection
- Belaying (self, top, and bottom)
- Steep earth and tree climbing
- Fixed rope installation
- Cliff reconnaissance
- Cliff assault
- Mountain / rural patrolling
- Caving ladder techniques
- Low-light operations
- Medical casualty evacuation
- Reality-based scenarios and situational training exercises (STXs)



ACCREDITATION:

Recce Group is approved and recognized by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy (SCCJA) as an institutional service provider of training. Our InstSP number is 301.

PREREQUISITES:

Course is restricted to U.S. government agencies and armed forces, U.S. Department of State-allied agencies and armed forces, law enforcement, public safety, security, and tactical emergency medical support organizations. Students must provide credentials verifying affiliation with above-listed organization(s). Minimum age for enrollment is 18.

Students should be in excellent physical condition and have no debilitating medical conditions or any medications that could affect physical ability and judgment.

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METHOD OF EVALUATION:

Students must score 75% on a final written examination and successfully complete all performance objectives.

MANDATORY STUDENT EQUIPMENT:

Note: Equipment may be leased or purchased upon request and advance notice.

- Tactical uniform / BDUs or Nomex assault /aviator suit
- Tactical footwear, pair
- Tactical gloves
- Climbing / Rappelling harness
- Rappelling / fast rope gloves
- Rucksack (capable of 50 pounds)
- 20 foot length of 11 mm climbing rope
- (8) Locking-D gated carabiners (rated for climbing operations)
- Helmet (entry, climbing, waterborne)
- Load bearing belt / vest and tactical equipment (as per unit SOP)
- Canteens / hydration system
- Camouflage stick / paste
- Radio and headset / PTT
- Knife / utility tool
- Wet / cold weather parka
- Hand cuffs / flex cuffs
- Soft cap (baseball style)
- Compass (Lensatic or Silva Ranger)
- Tactical flashlight
- Carbine / Tactical rifle (may be a live-fire or non-firing training weapon)
 - Tactical sling
- Semi-automatic handgun (may be a live-fire or non-firing training weapon)
 - Tactical holster
 - Tactical lanyard – phone cord type

OPTIONAL STUDENT EQUIPMENT:

- Hand-held GPS
- Lap top computer / portable printer
- Sunglasses / sunscreen
- Miscellaneous tactical equipment (as per unit SOP)

STUDENTS RECEIVE:

- Student manual
- Graduation diploma upon successful completion of all performance objectives.

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