



Lifelong Learning & Service Recognition Guidelines and Application

Why Achieve Recognition?

Lifelong Learning & Service Recognition (LLSR) was created to recognize the achievements of those AGD Masters who clearly recognize the professional obligation to remain current in their profession and to create an example so that each member of the dental profession never loses sight of this obligation. Achieving the LLSR from the Academy of General Dentistry tells colleagues and patients of your continued commitment to lifelong learning and quality patient care.

A Charge to all Masters

Masters of the Academy of General Dentistry embody the Academy's principles and ideals. They accept an obligation to continually prove themselves worthy of that designation throughout their professional lives. Becoming a Master in the AGD means that there are certain obligations that go along with the honor.

Masters are expected to:

- 1) Continue their commitment to lifelong learning
- 2) Be a mentor to associates and new dentists
- 3) Improve the quality of continuing education
- 4) Be a voice of the General Dentist.

LLSR Requirements

- 1) Mastership in the AGD with AGD membership in good standing
- 2) Completion of 500 hours of FAGD/MAGD-approved continuing education credit. Hours must have been earned since the date of Mastership was received or since a previous LLSR was received
- 3) Continuing education credits must be earned in least eight of fourteen designated subject areas, although there are no minimums or maximums by discipline
- 4) At least 150 continuing education hours must be earned in participation course attendance
- 5) A maximum of 100 credits for teaching will be allowed
- 6) A maximum of 100 credits for publication will be allowed
- 7) Completion of 100 hours of AGD-approved dental-related community/volunteer service and/or service to organized dentistry. Hours must have been performed since the date of Mastership was received or since a previous LLSR was received. Categories of community and volunteer service may include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Providing pro bono dental services through a not-for-profit organization
 - ii. Mentoring a student or colleague, through a recognized dental organization
 - iii. Service in a volunteer local or overseas dental clinic
 - iv. Volunteer service in a community program or organization
 - v. Volunteer work at a local or national dental meeting
 - vi. Providing dental education programs to the community
 - vii. Holding a local, state/provincial or national appointment or an elected office in a dental organization

Application Procedure and Deadline

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 31 to be considered for the class immediately following the application deadline. **The AGD is not responsible for lost or delayed mail.** The appropriate fee, which includes a non-refundable processing fee, must accompany the LLSR application. **All LLSR requirements must be completed as of the March 31 application deadline date. Only the Dental Education Council may determine the acceptability of MAGD award applications.** Applications received by March 31 are reviewed by the Council at its spring meeting. Applicants are notified by letter of the Council's decision.

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