

AGD Mastership Award Guidelines

Mastership Requirements

1. Current membership in good standing in the Academy of General Dentistry at the time of application; dental license has not been suspended or revoked within the last five years, and is not currently under probation, suspension, or revocation.
2. Fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry. Mastership and Fellowship may not be conferred in the same year.
3. 1100 hours of FAGD/MAGD-approved continuing dental education credit, 400 of which must be in participation courses. Participation hours can be earned at any time during membership with an implementation date of January 1, 2007.
 - A) 600 credit hours must be earned in specific disciplines, as outlined under "Subject Category requirements."
 - B) A participation course is defined as one in which all course participants actively manipulate dental material or devices, treat patients or otherwise practice skills or techniques under the supervision of a qualified instructor.
 - C) The participation activities must represent a minimum of 30% of total course time and must directly address the educational objectives of the course and be an extension and amplification of the lecture portion of the course.
 - D) Special Provision: Fellows who submit evidence of completion of a two-year ADA-accredited advanced education program in general dentistry are required to earn only 300 MAGD-approved credit hours to be eligible for Mastership, provided the program was completed within 12 months of joining the Academy. These 300 hours may be either lecture or participation, but may not include credit for teaching or publications. Candidates applying under this provision must complete one-half the number of credits required in each subject category.
4. Attendance at a Convocation ceremony, held during the AGD Annual Meeting to receive the award. Successful candidates are allowed three years following approval to complete this requirement.

Activities Accepted for Mastership Credit

Course Attendance Credit

1. **Continuing Education Courses**

- A) Attendance at courses put on by FAGD/MAGD-program providers. Approved program providers include those accepted by the Committee on Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE), intrastate program providers approved by AGD Constituent Academies, or those approved by the ADA's Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP).
- B) Individual intrastate courses may also be approved by the AGD Constituents.

2. **Residencies**

Effective January 1, 2009. Beginning with individuals completing a one-year CODA-accredited advanced dental education program (AEGD/GDR/GPR) in 2009, 150 hours of participation credit may be earned. Individuals completing a two-year CODA-accredited advanced dental education program (AEGD/GDR/GPR) in 2009, 300 hours of participation credit may be earned. Credit can be received for non-concurrent completion of both program types for a maximum of 450 hours of participation credit. Credits are apportioned among the subject categories according to a *predetermined ratio* of subject hours based upon a survey of one- and two-year AEGD/GDR/GPR programs. A copy of the certificate is required to receive credit. Credit is permitted for the completion of programs as follows:

- Current member of AGD 100% of credits are awarded
- Join AGD within one (1) year of completion of the program 100% of credits are awarded
- Join AGD within two (2) years 75% of credits are awarded
- Join AGD within three (3) years 50% of credits are awarded
- Join AGD within four (4) years 25% of credits are awarded
- Join AGD after four years 0% of credits are awarded

For members that joined the AGD *prior to* January 1, 2009 at total of 250 hours of course credit may be earned for completion of a one- or two-year ADA-accredited advanced dental education program (AEGD/GDR/GPR). Credit is permitted for programs completed up to 12 months prior to joining the AGD. A copy of the certificate is required to receive credit.

3. **Federal Dental Service Specialty Rotation Programs**

Participation in a Federal Dental Service Specialty Rotation Program earns one hour of participation credit for each working day of the program. A maximum of 200 MAGD hours may be applied to the award for this activity.

4. **Self-Instructional Courses**

Credit may be earned for completion of audio, audio/visual, written and other self-instructional programs, provided the FAGD/MAGD-approved sponsor verifies satisfactory completion. A maximum of 150 hours of credit may be applied to the award for self-instruction courses. In addition to the 150 hours, 15 hours of self-instructional credit maybe awarded one time only to members completing the post-test from the FAGD Exam Study Guide.

Other Activities for CE Credit

1. Teaching/Publications

A combined maximum of 150 hours of FAGD credit may be applied toward the Fellowship award for the following activities:

- A) Full- or Part-time faculty positions at ADA/CDA-accredited institutions
- B) Continuing education presentations put on by FAGD/MAGD-program providers.
- C) Original presentations receive three hours of credit for each hour of teaching. Repeat presentations receive hour-for-hour credit. *Credit will be awarded upon receipt of verification from the program provider.*
- D) Authorship of a published scientific article in a dental or scientific journal.
- E) Authorship of a published dental textbook or chapter in a published textbook
- F) Authorship of a case report, technique paper or clinical research report in a dental or scientific journal published in or after July, 2000.

Credit will be awarded as follows:

Published scientific article in a refereed journal.....	65 hours
Published scientific article in a non-refereed journal.....	40 hours
Published dental textbook or chapter in a published textbook	65 hours
Published case report, technique paper or clinical research report in a refereed journal	10 hours
Published case report, technique paper or clinical research report in a non-refereed journal	5 hours

Subject Category Requirements

A minimum number of credits must be earned in each of the 16 dental subject categories listed below. Of the ‘required minimum’ hours needed in each category, a specific portion must fulfill the ‘participation minimum’ requirements. The difference between the ‘total hours’ and ‘total required’ may be taken from any of the 16 disciplines.

Subject Category	Subject Code	Participation Minimum	Required Minimum
Basic Sciences.....	010.....	12.....	12
Endodontics	070.....	30.....	46
Electives	130.....	30.....	46
MPD/Occlusion	180.....	30.....	46
Operative Dentistry	250.....	30.....	46
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.....	310.....	30.....	46
Orthodontics	370.....	12.....	12
Pediatric Dentistry	430.....	12.....	12
Periodontics.....	490.....	30.....	46
Practice Management.....	550.....	0.....	24
Fixed Prosthodontics	610.....	30.....	46
Removable Prosthodontics	670.....	30.....	46
Implants	690.....	30.....	46
Oral Med/Oral Diagnosis	730.....	12.....	12
Special Patient Care.....	750.....	12.....	12
Esthetics	780.....	30.....	46
TOTAL HOURS.....		360.....	544
TOTAL REQUIRED		400.....	600

Application Procedure and Deadline

Applications must be postmarked no later than December 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 Mastership award application. **All MAGD requirements must be completed as of to the December 31 application deadline date. Only the Dental Education Council may determine the acceptability of MAGD award applications.** Applications received by December 31 are reviewed by the Council at its spring meeting. Applicants are notified by letter within three weeks of the Council’s decision. Final approval is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

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