



AMENDED HOD 2025  
**Fellowship Award Guidelines**

**Fellowship Award (FAGD) Requirements**

1. Current membership in good standing in the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) for three (3) continuous years (36 months) by December 31 of the year in which the application is received, to begin no earlier than the month of dental school graduation; dental license has not been suspended or revoked within the last five years, and is not currently under probation, suspension, or revocation.
2. Completion of 500 continuing education (CE) hours given by PACE or CERP-approved program providers as an AGD Member, with at least 350 hours earned in course attendance and adhering to the Credit Limitations declared within this policy. Mastership credit begins to accrue on the date that the 500-hours requirement has been met, as determined by the Dental Education Council.
3. Successful completion of the Fellowship Examination by December 31 of the year prior to the year the award will be received. Any active general dentist member joining the AGD after February 2010 is subject to a seven (7) day waiting period prior to applying for or sitting for the Fellowship Exam to verify their membership status.
4. The Fellowship Award application must be completed and submitted electronically by December 31 of the year prior to the year the award will be received.
5. Attendance at a Convocation Ceremony, held during the AGD scientific session, to receive the award. Successful candidates are allowed three years following approval to complete this requirement.

**Activities Accepted for Fellowship Award Credit**

**Course Attendance Credit**

A minimum of 350 hours of continuing education course credit is required for the award. Course content must be directly related to the practice of dentistry with the exception that 10 hours are permitted for self-improvement courses.

Course credit can be earned for:

1. **Scientific Programs**

A) Attendance at courses put on by approved program providers. Approved program providers include those approved through the national and local Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE) Program, or those approved by the American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP).

2. **Postgraduate Education**

A) **Effective July 1, 2009.** Beginning with individuals completing a one-year CODA- or CDAC-accredited advanced dental education program (AEGD/GDR/GPR) in 2009, 150 hours of participation credit may be earned. Individuals completing a two-year CODA- or CDAC-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.

**Effective July 17, 2016,** additional CE hours may not be earned for completion of courses that are required as a mandatory component of a CODA- or CDAC-accredited residency. Any additional CE hours earned during a residency must include documentation from the CODA- or CDAC-accredited residency director confirming that the additional CE hours were elective and not a mandatory requirement of the CODA- or CDAC-accredited residency. The AGD Dental Education (DE) Council may review documentation and has the authority to confirm whether the CE hours will be allowed for FAGD/MAGD 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 completion certificate is required to receive credit.

B) Effective with programs ending in June 2014, individuals completing a CODA- or CDAC-accredited advanced specialty education program of one year or more in length, a maximum of 150 hours of participation credit may be earned in the specified dental specialty. A copy of the completion certificate is required to receive credit.

<b>Membership Join Date</b>		<b>One-year Program</b>	<b>Two-year Program</b>
Current member on program completion date:	100% credit	150 hours	300 hours
Join AGD within one year of program completion:	100% credit	150 hours	300 hours
Join AGD within two years of program completion:	75% credit	112.5 hours	225 hours
Join AGD within three years of program completion:	50% credit	75 hours	150 hours
Join AGD within four years of program completion:	25% credit	37.5 hours	75 hours
Join AGD more than four years after program completion:	0% credit	0 hours	0 hours

### 3. Federal Dental Service Specialty Rotation Programs

Participation in a Federal Dental Service Specialty Rotation Program earns 1 participation hour for each working day of the program. A maximum of 150 participation hours may be applied to the award. Applicants must provide a letter from the Program Director, Department Head, or Clinic Director documenting total hours attended in a specialty rotation program.

### 4. Self-Instruction Programs

Up to 150 hours of credit may be applied to the award for completion of self-instruction-programs, provided the program provider has current PACE- or CERP-approval and verifies satisfactory completion. In addition to the 150 hours self-instruction credit, a maximum of 15 hours of credit may be awarded to members completing the post-test from the FAGD Exam Study Guide.

**Effective January 1, 2024**, only 12 hours of self-instruction credit earned on a single day can be applied to the Fellowship Award requirements.

### 5. Self-Improvement

Up to 10 hours of credit may be applied to the award from self-improvement courses taken on or after July 1, 1985, provided the program provider had current PACE- or CERP-approval.

### 6. Case Presentation Required for Certification/Accreditation by Allied Dental Organizations upon request.

Up to 75 hours of participation credit may be applied to the award for case presentations presented for the purpose of certification/accreditation by an allied dental organization. Requests from allied dental organizations for participation credit will be reviewed by the Dental Education Council for final approval.

### Other CE Activities for Credit

#### 1. Teaching/Publications

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

- A) Full- or part-time faculty positions at CODA/CDAC-accredited institutions. Full-time faculty may receive 100 teaching hours for the completion of the first academic year after joining the AGD and 25 teaching hours each subsequent year; part-time faculty may receive 50 teaching hours for the completion of the first academic year after joining the AGD and 12.5 teaching hours each subsequent year.
- B) Continuing education presentations put on by PACE- or CERP-approved organizations. Original presentations receive three hours of teaching credit for each hour of teaching. Repeat presentations receive hour-for-hour teaching credit. Credit will be awarded upon receipt of verification from the program provider.
- C) Authorship of a published scientific article in a dental or scientific journal.
- D) Authorship of a published dental textbook or chapter in a published dental textbook.

- E) Authorship of a case report, technique paper or clinical research report in a dental or scientific journal published in or after July 2000.
- F) Successfully reviewing and reporting on manuscripts submitted to peer-reviewed dental journals.
- G) Draft self-assessments for peer-reviewed scientific journals or self-instruction programs from AGD PACE- or ADA CERP-approved organizations.
- H) Draft examination questions for the AGD or other dental organizations for an examination taken by dental professionals.

Publication credit will be awarded as follows:

Published scientific article in a peer-reviewed journal .....	40 hours
Published scientific article in a non- peer-reviewed journal.....	20 hours
Published dental textbook .....	40 hours per chapter up to a maximum of 150 hours
Chapter in a published textbook .....	40 hours per chapter
Published case report, technique paper or clinical research report in a peer-reviewed journal.....	10 hours
Published case report, technique paper or clinical research report in a non-peer-reviewed journal...	5 hours
Review and report on General Dentistry manuscripts.....	3 hours each with a maximum of 9 hours per year
Review and report on non-AGD peer-reviewed scientific journal manuscripts.....	2 hours each with a maximum of 6 hours per year
Draft self-assessments for article reviews in a peer-reviewed scientific journal.....	10 hours per quiz
Draft self-assessments for approved program provider self-instruction programs.....	Three times the length of the program
Draft examination questions for the AGD or other dental organization for an examination taken by dental professionals .....	10 hours per organization

Credit Limitations

Credit Start Dates:

Continuing education credit earned after the credit start date may be applied toward Fellowship award. Credit start dates are assigned upon joining the AGD, as follows:

1. January 1, if active membership began between January 1 and June 30;
2. July 1, if active membership began between July 1 and September 30;
3. October 1, if active membership began between October 1 and December 31;
4. Date of dental school graduation, if active membership began within the first calendar year after graduation;
5. Date of residency completion, if active membership began within 48 months after completion of a CODA- or CDAC-accredited advanced dental education program.
6. Effective January 1, 2026, AGD student members may earn up to a maximum of 100 hours of CE as lecture and/or self-instruction credit, of which 30 hours can be self-instruction credit, only within the parameters of the Fellowship and Mastership guidelines.

Subject Category:

A maximum of 150 credit hours may be earned in each of the 19 dental subject categories.

Application Procedures and Deadline

- Applications must be submitted online no later than December 31 to be considered for the class immediately following the application deadline. Please note that Mastership credits begin to accrue on the date that the 500-hours requirement has been met, as determined by the Dental Education (DE) Council.
- The appropriate fee, which includes a non-refundable processing fee, must accompany the Fellowship award application.
- All FAGD requirements must be completed as of December 31 application deadline. Only the DE Council may determine the acceptability of FAGD award applications.
- Applications are reviewed by the DE Council in March of each year. Applicants are notified by letter within three weeks of the DE Council's approval decision.

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