



AMENDED HOD 2025

## **Lifelong Learning & Service (LLSR) Recognition Guidelines**

### **LLSR Requirements**

- 1) All applicants must be Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) Masters, with AGD membership in good standing at the time of application and when recognition is received, 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, with at least 300 hours earned in course attendance and adhering to the Credit Limitations declared within this policy. LLSR credit begins to accrue on January 1 of the year the MAGD was received or the day after the last LLSR application was received.
- 3) Completion of 100 points of AGD-approved dental-related community/volunteer service and/or service to organized dentistry is required. Points must have been earned since January 1 of the year Fellowship was received or since a previous LLSR was received. The acceptability of points is subject to review by the Dental Education Council.
- 4) The LLSR application must be submitted electronically by December 31 of the year prior to the year the recognition will be received.

### **Activities Accepted for Continuing Education Credit**

- 1) Completion of 500 hours given by a PACE or CERP-approved program. Hours must have been earned since the date Mastership was approved or since a previous LLSR was received:
  - a) At least 150 continuing education hours must be earned in participation course attendance;
  - b) A maximum of 100 credits for teaching is allowed;
  - c) A maximum of 100 credits for publications is allowed.

### **Course Attendance Credit**

A minimum of 300 hours of course attendance credit is required of the LLSR. Course content must be directly related to the practice of dentistry. Course credit can be earned for:

#### **1. Scientific Programs**

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. Self-Instruction Courses**

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-instructional credit, a maximum of 15 hours of credit may be awarded one time only 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 requirements.

#### **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.

**5. 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 participations credits will be reviewed by the Dental Education Council for final approval.

**Other CE Activities for Credit**

**Teaching/Publications**

A) A maximum of 100 credits for teaching is allowed:

- a. Full or part-time faculty positions in CODA/CDA-accredited institutions are eligible for up to ten (10) credit hours each year. Verification of teaching appointment is required.
- b. Teaching continuing dental education courses for organizations that are approved by PACE or CERP are eligible for credit. Verification that indicates the dental discipline and the number of hours taught is required. Credit will be given hour-for-hour for each presentation.

B) A maximum of 100 credits for publications is allowed.

- a. The publication of a scientific article, case report, technique paper or clinical research report in a scientific journal or textbook is worth ten (10) credit hours. A copy of the articles, with dates of publication, is required.

**Subject Category Requirements**

- A) Credits for course attendance, teaching or publications must be in at least eight (8) of the following disciplines. There are no minimums or maximum requirements by discipline.
- a. No credits will be accepted for advanced academic education programs, such as residencies or advanced degree programs.

<b>Subject Category</b>	<b>Subject Code</b>
Basic Science	010
Endodontics	070
Electives	130
Occlusion	180
Orofacial Pain/TMD	200
Operative Dentistry	250
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	310
Anesthesia/Pain Mgmt/Sedation/Pharmacology	340
Orthodontics	370
Pediatrics	430
Periodontics	490
Practice Management	550
Fixed Prosthodontics	610
Removable Prosthodontics	670
Implants	690
Sleep Medicine	710
Oral Medicine/Oral Diagnosis/Oral Pathology	730
Special Patient Care	750
Esthetics	780

**Community and Volunteer Service**

- 1) One (1) point is equal to one hour of volunteer community service. The Dental Education Council will determine which additional categories of service not described in these guidelines may be eligible. Volunteer work for a for-profit organization, such as a dental manufacturer, is not eligible.
- 2) To document community service, a representative of the organization for which the community/volunteer work was done must complete and sign the provided Volunteer Service Verification Form, which specifies

the type(s) and term(s) of volunteer service(s) provided. If additional verification is needed, please attach necessary documentation to this form.

- 3) No financial remuneration or “in-kind” remuneration may be received for service/volunteer work. Reimbursement of expenses such as airfare, transportation, meals, etc., is allowed.

**Categories of community and volunteer service may include, but are not limited to:**

- a. Providing pro bono dental services through a not-for-profit organization;
- b. Mentoring a student, emerging dentist or struggling colleague, through a recognized dental organization;
- c. Service in a volunteer dental clinic;
- d. Service overseas on a dental mission;
- e. Volunteer service in a community program, such as a health fair;
- f. Providing presentation on dental-related topics to schools, civic, house(s) of worship or other community groups or other health professionals;
- g. Providing oral cancer screenings at a local house(s) of worship, school, health fair, nursing home, retirement community, etc.;
- h. Providing dental screenings to athletes through the Special Olympics Special Smiles;
- i. Volunteer work at a local or national dental meeting, such as working at the organization’s booth;
- j. Serving as an unpaid team dentist for a school, college, professional sports team or youth athletic association;
- k. Instituting a mouth guard program for a school, college, professional sports team or youth athletic association;
- l. Providing dental education programs at elementary or secondary schools;
- m. Volunteering as a Boy/Girl Scout merit badge leader for dental health.

**Service to Organized Dentistry:**

Holding a local, state/provincial or national appointment or an elected office in a dental organization is considered service to organized dentistry. Points are awarded for each month of service, up to 12 points per year per national or local organization.

- 1) A maximum of 12 points may be earned annually for serving in a national position in a dental organization. Service time of less than one year will be prorated by month. Holding multiple positions at the national level in the same organization is acceptable only up to the 12-point limit each year.
- 2) A maximum of 12 points may be earned annually for serving in state/provincial, constituent or component positions in a dental organization. Service time of less than one year will be prorated by month. Holding multiple positions in the same local organization is acceptable only up to the 12-point limit each year.
- 3) To document service to organized dentistry, a representative of the organization for which the service was done must complete and sign the provided Volunteer Service Verification Form, which specifies the type(s) and term(s) of volunteer service(s) provided. If additional verification is needed, please attach necessary documentation to this form.

**Application Procedures and Deadline**

- All LLSR requirements must be completed by the December 31 application deadline.
- Applications must be submitted online no later than December 31 to be considered for the class immediately following the application deadline and must include the designated application fee. This fee is determined annually by the Dental Education (DE) Council and includes a non-refundable processing fee.
- Only the DE Council may determine the acceptability of LLSR applications. Applications received by December 31 are reviewed by the DE Council by the end of March each year.
- Applicants are notified by letter within three weeks of the DE Council’s approval decision, and all decisions are final.
- LLSR recipients will be invited to participate in the annual Convocation Ceremony, but participation is not required. Recognition will be provided at the Convocation Ceremony through the inclusion of names of the new recipients in the Convocation program and in AGD publications.

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