



AMENDED HOD 2025

Mastership Award Guidelines

Mastership Award (MAGD) Requirements

1. Current membership in good standing in the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) 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 (FAGD) in the Academy of General Dentistry. Mastership and Fellowship may not be conferred in the same year.
3. Completion of 1100 continuing education (CE) hours given by PACE or CERP-approved program providers, 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 PACE or CERP-approved CE credit hours must be earned in specific disciplines, as outlined under "Subject Category requirements."
4. The Mastership Award application must be 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 Mastership Award Credit

Course Attendance Credit

1. Continuing Dental Education (CE) Courses

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.

Membership Join Date		One-year Program	Two-year Program
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 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-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. 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 Mastership 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 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

Subject Category Requirements

- A) A minimum number of credit hours must be earned in each of the 18* 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 18* disciplines.
- B) A participation course is defined as one in which all course participants actively manipulate dental materials 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.

Subject Category	Subject Code	Participation Minimum	Required Minimum
Basic Science	010	12	12
Endodontics	070	30	46
Electives	130	30	46
Myofascial Pain/Occlusion	180	30	46
Orofacial Pain	200	0	12
Operative Dentistry	250	30	46
Oral/Max Surgery	310	30	46
Anesthesia/Pain Mgmt/Sedation/Pharm	340	12	12
Orthodontics	370	12	12
Pediatrics	430	12	12
Periodontics	490	30	46
Practice Management	550	0	24
Fixed Prosth	610	30	46
Removable Prosth	670	30	46
Implants	690	30	46
Oral Med/Oral Dx	730	12	12
Special Pt Care	750	12	12
Esthetics	780	30	46
Total Hours		372	568
Total Required		400	600

***Effective January 1, 2029, a minimum number of credits must be earned in each of the 19 subject categories listed below.**

Subject Category	Subject Code	Participation Minimum	Required Minimum
Basic Science	010	12	12
Endodontics	070	30	46
Electives	130	24	36
Occlusion	180	24	36
Orofacial Pain/TMD	200	12	12
Operative Dentistry	250	30	36
Oral/Max Surgery	310	30	46
Anesthesia/Pain Mgmt/Sedation/Pharm	340	12	36
Orthodontics	370	12	18
Pediatrics	430	12	12
Periodontics	490	30	46
Practice Management	550	0	12
Fixed Prosth	610	30	46
Removable Prosth	670	30	46
Implants	690	30	46
Sleep Medicine	710	12	12
Oral Med/Oral Dx	730	12	36
Special Pt Care	750	12	12
Esthetics	780	24	36
Total Hours		378	582
Total Required		400	600

Application Procedure and Deadline

- Applications must be submitted online no later than December 31 to be considered for the class immediately following the application deadline.
- The appropriate fee, which includes a non-refundable processing fee, must accompany the Mastership award application.
- All MAGD requirements must be completed as of the December 31 application deadline date.
- Only the Dental Education (DE) Council may determine the acceptability of MAGD award applications.
- Applications received by December 31 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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