

Why Achieve Recognition?

Lifelong Learning & Service Recognition (LLSR) is a program of formal recognition for Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) Masters in the areas of continuing education, dental-related community service and service to organized dentistry. It is not a credential and in no way may be represented to the public as such. 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 AGD tells colleagues and patients of your continued commitment to lifelong learning and quality patient care. A Master may receive LLSR multiple times, in a sequential manner, as long as all requirements are met. Once a Master is first recognized by this achievement, subsequent recognitions may include only those credits and points earned since the date of the previous LLSR recognition.

A Charge to all Masters

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

All applicants must be AGD Masters, with AGD membership in good standing at the time of application and when recognition is received.

- 1) 500 credit hours are required in course attendance, teaching or publications earned since the date Mastership was received or since a previous LLSR was received. A breakdown of these credits can be found below in the Course Attendance section.
- 2) Completion of 100 hours of AGD-approved dental-related community/volunteer service and/or service to organized dentistry is required. Hours must have been performed since the date Mastership was received or since a previous LLSR was received. The acceptability of points is subject to review by the Dental Education Council. Examples of acceptable dental-related volunteer service can be found below in the Community and Volunteer Service section.
- 3) An application must be submitted with the designated application processing fee, which is determined annually by the Dental Education Council. This fee covers direct costs, plus \$100 for overhead costs. Applications must be postmarked by December 31.
- 4) Acceptance or denial will be communicated to applicants following review of the application by the Dental Education Council. All decisions of the council are final. Recognition of LLSR recipients will be at the constituent and/or regional level and through AGD publications. Recipients will be invited to be present and attend the Convocation Ceremony where they will be celebrated by inclusion of their names in the Convocation program. Recipients will be seated in a designated area and will walk across the stage to be honored, and have each of their names read, prior to the FAGD and MAGD awardees.”

Course Attendance

- 1) Completion of 500 hours of FAGD/MAGD-approved continuing education credit. Hours must have been earned since the date Mastership was received 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.
- 2) Credits for course attendance, teaching or publications must be in at least eight (8) of the following disciplines, although there are no minimums or maximum by discipline. Note: No credits will be accepted for advanced academic education programs, such as residencies or advanced degree programs.

Subject Category	Subject Code
Basic Science	010
Endodontics	070
Electives	130
Myofacial Pain/Occlusion	180
Orofacial Pain*	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	6780
Implants	690
Oral Medicine/Orl Diagnosis/Oral Pathology	730
Special Patient Care	750
Esthetics	780

**These changes go into effect January 1, 2017. Any member that has not achieved or applied for Fellowship, Mastership, or LLSR by December 31, 2016, will be expected to meet the updated continuing education requirements at that time.*

Teaching and Publication Credit

- 1) Full or part-time faculty positions in ADA/CDA-accredited institutions are eligible for up to ten (10) credit hours each year. Verification of teaching appointments is required from each institution and should be included with the application.
- 2) Teaching continuing dental education courses for organizations that are approved by PACE or an AGD constituent are eligible for credit. Verification is required that indicates the dental discipline and the number of hours. Credit will be given hour-for-hour for each presentation.
- 3) 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, should be submitted with the application.

Community and Volunteer Service

- 1) One (1) community service 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 postmarked 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 Council and includes a non-refundable processing fee. The AGD is not responsible for lost or delayed mail. Only the Dental Education Council may determine the acceptability of LLSR applications. Applicants are notified by letter of the Council's decision, and all decisions of the Council are final. 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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