

Fellowship Award Guidelines

Fellowship Requirements

1. Current AGD membership 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 hours of FAGD/MAGD-approved continuing education credit as an AGD Member, with at least 350 hours earned in course attendance. 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 who holds dental license in good standing is eligible to apply and sit for the Fellowship Examination after a 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 postmarked 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 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 FAGD/MAGD-program providers. Approved program providers include those accepted by the Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE) Council, intrastate program providers approved by AGD Constituent Academies, 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 August 1, 2016, additional CE credit 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 earned during a residency must include documentation from the CODA- or CDAC-accredited residency director confirming that the additional CE was elective and not a mandatory requirement of the CODA- or CDAC-accredited residency. The 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 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. 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 of completion of the program.....	75% of credits are awarded
Join AGD within three (3) years of completion of the program.....	50% of credits are awarded
Join AGD within four (4) years of completion of the program.....	25% of credits are awarded
Join AGD after (4) years of completion of the program.....	0% of credits are awarded

3. Federal Dental Service Specialty Rotation Programs
Participation in Federal Dental Service Specialty Rotation Programs earns 1 participation credit hour for each working day in 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-Instructional Programs
Up to 150 hours of credit may be applied to the award for completion of FAGD/MAGD-approved audio, audio/visual, written and other self-instructional programs, provided the program provider verifies satisfactory completion.
Effective January 1, 2024, only 12 hours of self-instruction credit earned on a single day can be applied to the Fellowship Award requirements.
In addition to the 150 hours self-instructional credit, 15 hours of credit may be awarded one time only to members completing the post-test from the FAGD Exam Study Guide.
5. Self-Improvement
Up to 10 hours of credit may be applied to the award from FAGD/MAGD-approved self-improvement course taken on or after July 1, 1985.
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 PACE/CERP approved dental organizations. Requests by Allied Dental Organizations for participations credits will be reviewed by the Dental Education and/or PACE Councils 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 FAGD/MAGD-program providers. 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 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 General Dentistry and other refereed dental journals.
 - G) Draft self-assessment quizzes for peer-reviewed scientific journals, or self-instruction programs from AGD PACE- or ADA CERP-approved organizations.
 - H) Draft self-assessment quizzes from FAGD/MAGD program provider-hosted webinars or electronically mediated self-instruction programs.
 - I) Draft examination questions for the AGD or other dental organization for an examination taken by dental professionals.

Publication credit will be awarded as follows:

Published scientific article in a refereed journal.....	40 hours
Published scientific article in a non-refereed 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 refereed journal.....	10 hours
Published case report, technique paper or clinical research report in a non-refereed 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 refereed dental journal manuscripts.....	2 hours each with a maximum of 6 hours per year
Draft self-assessment or self-instruction quizzes for a peer-reviewed scientific journal.....	10 hours per quiz
Draft self-assessment quizzes for FAGD/MAGD program provider-hosted webinars or electronically mediated self-instruction program.....	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. AGD student members may earn up to a maximum of 50 hours of CE as lecture and/or self-instruction credit, of which 15 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 18 dental subject categories.

Application Procedures 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.** 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 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 Dental Education Council may determine the acceptability of FAGD award applications.** Applications are reviewed by the Council in March of each year and applicants are notified by letter of the Council's decision within three weeks.

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