

Mastership Requirements

1. Current membership in good standing in the Academy of General Dentistry 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 in the Academy of General Dentistry. Mastership and Fellowship may not be conferred in the same year.
3. 1100 hours of FAGD/MAGD-approved continuing dental education credit, 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 credit hours must be earned in specific disciplines, as outlined under “Subject Category requirements.”
4. The Mastership 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 Mastership Credit

Course Attendance Credit

1. Continuing Education Courses
 - 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. Residencies
 - 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 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 four years of completion of the program	0% of credits are awarded

3. Federal Dental Service Specialty Rotation Programs

Participation in a Federal Dental Service Specialty Rotation Program earns 1 participation credit 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-Instructional Courses

Credit may be earned for completion of audio, audio/visual, written and other self-instructional programs, provided the FAGD/MAGD-approved sponsor verifies satisfactory completion. A maximum of 150 hours of credit may be applied to the award for self-instruction courses. **Effective January 1, 2024**, only 12 hours of self-instruction credit earned on a single day can be applied to the Mastership Award CE requirement. In addition to the 150 hours, 15 hours of self-instructional credit may be awarded one time only to members completing the post-test from the FAGD Exam Study Guide.

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 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

Subject Category Requirements

- A) A minimum number of credits 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 material or devices, treat patient 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 Mgmt	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

Application Procedure 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.** 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 Council may determine the acceptability of MAGD award applications.** Applications received by December 31 are reviewed by the Council in March of each year. Applicants are notified within three weeks of the Council's decision.

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