

Mastership Track FAQ's – Maryland AGD

AGD Fellowship requires 500 hours approved CE, 3 years membership, fellowship exam and attendance at a convocation ceremony at the AGD annual meeting.

Mastership requires 1100 hours approved CE, with 600 in specific disciplines and 400 hours participation credits. www.AGD.Org has more details.

Maryland AGD MasterTrack Program

Classes are limited to 30 participants and take place at the Maritime Institute near BWI Airport. Courses may be lecture or hands-on, and take place in the spring and fall – dates and speakers are posted on www.Maryland-agd.org. 8 hours CE is given for attendance each day – either participation or lecture depending on the topic. An additional 8 hours is then given once the home project is completed. The entire 16 hours will be considered *participation* credits if the homework is completed.

Homework assignments are Power Point Presentations done in person in an atmosphere of congeniality and learning for all participants. Presentations are not “graded” but checked off for completeness in an effort to maintain the high standards of the MD AGD Mastertrack Program and the Mastership Award. Project must be completed for full participation credit to be granted. Subject codes are promoted before the course and cannot be changed. Subjects are rotated in a 4-5 year cycle to give attendees the best opportunity to receive their Mastership Award in a timely fashion.

To receive full credit, attendees are required to return at the next course and present the home project. Each subject presentation should be about 10-15 minutes long followed by an opportunity for questions & answers. The goal is to have fun learning!

Sample Homework Assignment:

Topic: Geriatrics and Special Care

Assignment: Present a case of an “older adult” or patient with special needs that you have provided rational and appropriate oral health care.

Examples: (as discussed during the program)

1. An older adult (or person with intellectual or physical disabilities) with (or without) cognitive impairments presents to your practice, in a wheelchair (walker, stretcher or ambulatory), for care. For a variety of reasons, s/he has not been to the dentist for many years. S/he presents with a challenging oral health status. Although diagnosed with multiple medical conditions, s/he has not seen her/his primary physician in many years. Discuss

- a. oral health status

b. medical history	
	-sensory changes -health conditions and medication regimen -include strategies to acquire recent health status
c. behavioral management strategies	
	-communication concerns
d. physical limitations	
e. cognitive limitations	
f. economic concerns	
g. issues related to assessing treatment plan options	
h. staff issues	
i.	

Present a challenging case that you successfully treated. Discuss your concerns and issues for managing this individual.

The Maryland Academy of General Dentistry Mastership program is an enjoyable, rewarding program for dentists in any stage of their career. Past attendees continue to return for the top notch, hands-on education, even after attaining mastership. If you have any questions about the courses, or about becoming a Master in the AGD, please contact us!