

# Excellence in Restorative & Cosmetic Dentistry



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## **What does MAGD stand for after your general dentist's name?**

Your dentist is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), an organization of general dentists who are dedicated to professional development and continuing education. ALL AGD members must remain current with advances in the profession to provide quality patient treatment. A general dentist who has earned the designation "Master" of Academy of General Dentistry (MAGD) has completed a structured and rigorous set of requirements involving all the dental disciplines. Masters have accepted the charge to keep abreast of advances in dentistry for the benefit of patients and betterment of dentistry. They serve as mentors and leaders to other dentists pursuing continuing dental education. They set examples in their communities with their hard work, concern and involvement.

## **What are the requirements for Membership in the Academy of General Dentistry?**

To attain Mastership, members must first be Fellows in the Academy of General Dentistry (Fellowship requires a minimum of 500 approved continuing dental education credits and passage of a comprehensive 400 question examination). Then they must earn an additional 600 approved continuing dental education credits, meeting minimum requirements in certain dental disciplines, of which 400 hours are hands on or participation courses. Thus, a Master of the Academy of General Dentistry has taken a total of 1,100 hours of continuing dental education. A Master has studied 16 disciplines in dentistry such as periodontics, endodontic, orthodontics and implants.

## **What is special about a dentist who has an award from the Academy of General Dentistry?**

Masters of the Academy of General Dentistry continue in a lifelong pursuit of continuing dental education to provide the highest quality of dental care to patients. The award symbolizes the professional responsibility of general dentists to remain current in their profession and reminds each member of the dental profession to continue to learn new techniques for their dental practice. These are awards, however, and should not be confused with post graduate degrees or certification (Dr. Kramer has completed both a 1-year and 2-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program). Every dentist who applies for the Mastership award has their application reviewed by the AGD Council of Dental Education to assure that the high standards of the Academy of General Dentistry are met.

## **How many dentists have achieved Mastership?**

To date (February, 1997), more than 1,000 Academy of General Dentistry Fellows have gone on to receive Mastership. The Academy is very proud of all of its members who must take 75 hours of continuing dental education every three years and especially proud of its members who have made the commitment to pursue this award. When your dentist has achieved the Mastership Award, you can be assured that they are dedicated to providing the finest care in general dentistry.