



CAED CREDENTIALING CRITERIA

The ad hoc Committee for the development of credentialing criteria for CAED members has completed its initial deliberations. The consensus of the Committee is that it is appropriate for the CAED to establish multiple levels of membership. One of these levels would be comparable to Accreditation status with the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry as it was originally conceived. The proposed standards for the CAED were designed to strike a balance such that they are demanding enough to be worthwhile while remaining attainable for dentists who have a genuine interest in advanced esthetic dentistry / esthetic laboratory techniques
Membership categories as proposed by the Committee would be as follows:

1) Attendee

Attendance at the CAED annual meeting requires the payment of an annual membership fee. Attendees are entitled to attend meetings and to participate in Academy sponsored events.

2) Certified Member

Certified Members are required to meet the criteria for certified membership status as outlined in the attached document "Canadian Academy for Esthetic Dentistry - Certification Criteria". Certified Members are entitled to advertise as a "Certified Member of the Canadian Academy for Esthetic Dentistry", if and as permitted by their licensing body. It is therefore agreed that the CAED should use a term unique and different from that used by other academies and that "Certification" is an acceptable alternative.

3) Associate Member

There is an intermediate level of membership that is more readily attainable than Certified Membership. The Committee proposes that an Associate Membership category be established. The criteria for Associate Membership are 100 hours of continuing education dedicated to esthetic dentistry. The course descriptions are submitted to the Certification Committee for approval, and if approved, the candidate is being granted Associate Membership status. Associate Membership qualifies as 10 points toward the 100 points required for Certified Membership status.

4) Fellowship

Fellowship status can be considered at a future date, once a significant number of Certified Members are in place. Fellowship status would be at a higher level than Certified Membership status. The criteria for Fellowship are to be determined by the membership when they deem it appropriate.

The Committee proposes that a new committee be struck, to be known as the 'Certification Committee'. It is further recommended that the Certification Committee be comprised of not less than three and not more than five members. Terms of office for Certification Committee members are three years for a three member Committee, or five years for a five member Committee. The terms of office overlap such that one member of the Committee is replaced each year. This is intended to provide for maximum continuity and stability of the Committee.



The first Committee members should be chosen for their ability to meet the Certification criteria promptly. Subsequent Committee members will be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting.

The first order of business of the first Certification Committee will be for each Committee member to complete and submit application for Certification, and in the process develop an outline for submissions from other members as well as a framework for the certification process. Once all members of the Committee have completed their certification application, they will present their cases to the membership as required in the Certification Criteria, and their certification will require approval by the general membership.

Once this certification process is complete, the Certification Committee are charged with accepting, processing, evaluating, and if considered acceptable, approving the applications of other members for membership in the Certified Member category, and if deemed appropriate by the membership, in the Associate Member category as well.

This Committee now requires the committee as a whole to accept this report in principal, or failing such acceptance, issue direction for further deliberation. If accepted, the Committee feels its mandate has been fulfilled and requests dissolution.



Canadian Academy for Esthetic Dentistry ***Certification criteria***

General Concept

100 points are required to become a Certified Member of the Canadian Academy for Esthetic Dentistry (CAED). These points may be accumulated through a variety of professional activities. Some are mandatory, others are optional. All must be related to esthetic dentistry / esthetic laboratory techniques.

Mandatory

1. Submission of 5 completed cases. (Max. 50 points)

Each case is judged by the Certification Committee and scored out of a possible ten points. A minimum of seven points must be achieved on each case to be considered a pass. Therefore a minimum of 35 points is scored for five cases which each score a minimal passing grade, up to a maximum of 50 points for five superior cases. A variety of techniques and procedures must be represented in the five cases. At least four of the cases must involve esthetics of at least the anterior teeth.

Perfection is not the required standard. It is understood that patients seldom present with ideal circumstances and often decline an aspect of treatment which can mean the difference between an adequate case and a superior one. Cases are judged based upon the results achieved given the situation presented and the limitations imposed by the patient. Minor shortcomings in the esthetic results can be considered acceptable if adequate explanation is given by the candidate. Such explanation must show understanding of the shortcoming as well as how it can be addressed. In the submitted cases such shortcomings must be the exception, and not the norm.

Case presentations must follow the outline provided to candidates for the purpose. This includes a brief review of the comprehensive dental examination, including periodontal health, contributory medical history, and any other considerations normally considered pertinent to dental treatment. These may include radiographs, documentation of consultation with specialists or physicians, and other data depending on the requirements of the case.

General standards for evaluation of the overall esthetic result include:
Does the case meet generally accepted standards of quality dental care?

Does the case display a substantial improvement in esthetics from the "before" to the "after" photos?

Is the case free of obvious esthetic errors?

The quality of the photography is not to be used as a criterion for evaluation of the treatment. If the photography is inadequate to evaluate the merits of the case, the candidate is to be asked to retake the photographs or to submit another case.



2. Presentation of at least one case at a General Meeting of the CAED

Candidates are required to present at least one case to the general membership. The style and format of such presentation is flexible, but open to direction by the Certification Committee.

Optional

1) Postgraduate Certificate in Esthetic Dentistry **(50 points)**

This is considered the gold standard in esthetic dental education. Successful completion of a minimum one year full time (or its equivalent) post-graduate program fully devoted to esthetic dentistry, and leading to a diploma, certificate or degree in esthetic dentistry from an accredited university is required for credit under this category. This would include the certificate program in esthetic dentistry from SUNY Buffalo. Other programs which are not solely devoted to esthetic dentistry can be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

2) Level 1 Postgraduate Esthetics Program **(10 points)**

Programs of this nature are typically 100 hours in duration and consist of lecture and laboratory hands-on components.

(One point = approximately 10 hours of classroom participation.)

3) Level 2 Postgraduate Esthetics Program **(15 points)**

Level 2 programs are approximately 80 hours duration and are 50-70% clinical.

(One point = approximately 7 hours of clinical participation.)

4) Other continuing education in esthetic dentistry **(max. 30 points)**

Classroom participation: 1 point per 10 hours

Clinical participation: 1 point per 7 hours

Other postgraduate programs are evaluated on an individual basis and credit given for esthetic content and merit relative to the programs listed above. Where the requirements for one program include another program as an included component, credit is given only for the more extensive program. For example, the SUNY Buffalo Certificate Program includes Level 1 Postgraduate Esthetics in its requirements, therefore credit will be given only for the Certificate Program, not for Level 1 as well.

5) Fellowship, Academy of General Dentistry (FAGD) **(10 points)**

6) Mastership, Academy of General Dentistry (MAGD) **(15 points)**

(Credit is given for either MAGD or FAGD, not both)

7) AACD accreditation **(40 points)**

8) AACD fellowship **(60 points)**

(Credit is given for either Accreditation or Fellowship, not both)

9) Published articles **(5 points each max. 20 pts.)**

on esthetics and related topics in dental journals



10) Certified specialist **(30 points)**

in orthodontics, periodontics, or prosthodontics.

11) Teaching esthetics **(0.1 point / hour max. 10 points)**

at postgraduate level

12) Author textbook related to esthetics **(30 points max. 30 points)**

13) Author chapter related to esthetics **(5 points max. 10 points)**

14) Attendance at CAED annual meetings. **(5 points max. 15 points)**

15) Submission additional cases **(10 points each max 20 points)**

Up to 3 additional complex esthetic cases Additional cases can be included for credit if the candidate otherwise achieves 80 points toward Certification.

Complex cases are those which involve at least three of the following esthetic treatment components:

- direct restorations
- indirect restorations
- esthetic periodontal surgery
- endodontic esthetic complications
- occlusal correction
- bleaching
- esthetic recontouring

These additional complex cases are evaluated in the same way as the mandatory cases. Each submission is graded out of ten points and must achieve a minimum score of seven to be included.