



Criteria for Fellowship in Special Care Dentistry Association (SCDA)

There will be two parts that must be fulfilled in order to apply for Fellowship in SCDA.

Part I is the general requirement. Part II is the portfolio in addition to part I.

PART I –

- Requirements
 1. SCDA Membership in good standing for 3 years or more.
 2. Attend at least three special care dentistry conferences within the past five years. One must be the SCDA Annual Meeting. Two may be an international organization's conference recognized as having a specialty care focus, with appropriate documentation.
 3. Complete a minimum of 30 hours of special care continuing education (CE) that includes an SCDA conference and one SCDA online program within the last five years.
 4. Two reference/sponsor letters – one must be a current fellow within the area being sought and one must be a professional colleague.

PART II –

Complete a narrative portfolio describing your special care dentistry experience. This may be a combination of any of the following that add up to 100 points.

1. Residency or fellowship training in an area of special care dentistry. – 25-35 points (1-2 years)
 - i. 25 points for 1 year residency/fellowship (AEGD, GPR, Pediatric Dentistry, Geriatric Dentistry)
 - ii. 10 additional points per year for each additional years of residency/fellowship
 - iii. 10 additional points for residency/fellowship training with extraordinary emphasis in an area of Special Care Dentistry (by narrative submitted by applicant with supporting documentation)
2. Mini-residency or fellowship training in area of Special Care Dentistry (<1 year) – 5-15 points
 - i. 5 points for 1 week programs
 - ii. 10 points for 2 week programs
 - iii. 15 points for 3 week+ programs
3. Verification of 30 additional hours of approved continuing education in Special Care Dentistry in the last five years –beyond the 30 hours requirement in Part I requirements. – 25 points
4. Published research or clinical article in an area related to or with applications to special care dentistry.
 - i. Original research article in peer reviewed journals (limit 3) –
 - 1.15 point for first or last author.
 - 2.10 points for co-authors.
 - ii. Case reports. (limit 3) – 10 points
 - iii. Author of chapter included in text book – 15 points.



5. Special Care Dentistry Table clinic presentation – 10 points
6. Documentation of a community project involving special care dentistry; i.e., Dental Health Fair for persons with disabilities, Special Olympics/Special Smiles – 5 points.
7. Development and implementation of professional programs in special care dentistry at the local level – In-Service Programs, etc. – 15 points
8. Development and implementation of professional programs in special care dentistry at the state or regional level that awarded continuing education credits – 20 points
9. Development and implementation of professional programs in special care dentistry at the national or international level that awarded continuing education credits – 25 points
10. Membership in professional organizations other than SCDA that focus on special care patient issues like Special Care Advocates in Dentistry (SAID), Autism Society, Gerontology Society. – 5 points
11. Serving on the SCDA Board of Directors or with an official national level organization in Special Care Dentistry elsewhere- 15 points

Serving on a state or provincial level Board of Directors of an official Special Care Dentistry professional group- 10 points
12. Serving on Legislative Committees or Taskforces at the state or provincial level to promote Special Care Dentistry- 10 points
13. Serving on Legislative Committees or Taskforces at the national level worldwide to promote Special Care Dentistry – 15 points
14. Regularly scheduled clinical care to special care patients in a nursing home, group home, personal residence, mobile programs, hospital, institution, or private or university clinic setting for at least 3 years. – 10 points
15. Regularly scheduled clinical care to special care patients in nursing homes, group homes, personal residences, mobile programs, hospital, institution or private or university clinic setting for over 3 years and less than 5 years- 15 points
16. Regularly scheduled clinical care to special care patients in nursing homes, group homes, personal residences, mobile programs, hospital, institution or private or university clinic setting for over 5 and less than 10 years- 20 points.
17. Regularly scheduled clinical care to special care patients in a nursing home, group home, personal residence, mobile programs, hospital, institution, or private or university clinic setting for more than 10 years. – 25 points