AACD ACCREDITATION PROCESS

General Member

Dentist or lab technician who is interested in continuing education and is current on dues.

Apply for written examination

Application received and processed

Take the written examination at the Annual AACD Scientific Session or at a Castle Testing Center

FAIL

PASS

Become
Member in Process (MIP)
Five-year time period begins

Attend two required courses*:
1. Accreditation Workshop
2. Criteria Workshop
These can be taken at any time and can be viewed online or attended in-person.

Written examination and two required courses must be successfully completed, dues paid, and no outstanding ethical violations prior to submitting clinical cases.

Submission of clinical cases:

Dentists: up to five case types* per examination session

Laboratory Technicians: up to three case types* per examination session

Only one of each case type per examination session

All clinical cases passed. Candidate receives invitation to oral examination

Oral examination application completed and processed at AACD Executive Office

Oral examination date/location to be determined by the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry

PASS

FAIL

The different levels that are attainable during the Accreditation process:

Participating Member	Sustaining Member	Accreditation Candidate
General Member having attended two of the four most recent Annual AACD Scientific Sessions.	*Member having attended two of the four most recent Annual AACD Scientific Sessions and passed the written examination.*	*General Member who has passed the written examination, taken both required workshops and passed at least one clinical case.*

Accredited Member

Accredited Fellow

Earn the status of Accredited AACD Member

Receive award at next Annual AACD Scientific Session

Fellowship

Once Accredited, members are eligible to pursue the highest level of achievement available to Academy members, in accordance with AACD's mission of education and excellence.

Oral examination unsuccessful: retake one time prior to expiration or following the expiration of five-year time period

Oral examination unsuccessful reapply for written examination

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