

American Geriatrics Society Geriatrics Recognition Award Program Information

What is the Geriatrics Recognition Award (GRA)?

The GRA recognizes healthcare professionals who are committed to lifelong learning about the care of older adults. The American Geriatrics Society established the GRA to encourage health professionals to acquire special knowledge and keep abreast of the latest advances in clinical care of older adults through participation in lifelong learning.

Why Apply for the GRA?

In the last thirty or so years, there have been many significant advances in the understanding of the physiological changes of aging, the complexity of disease patterns in older patients and the ability to effectively manage the complicated elderly patient with multiple co-morbidities. These principles and knowledge must be translated to the care of older adults so that the burgeoning senior population receives the highest quality health care possible.

By 2030, the proportion of the U.S. population that is aged 65 or older is expected to increase from 12.4% in 2000 to 19.6%, or about 1 in 5 Americans. The number of elderly Americans is expected to double during this 30-year period, from approximately 35 million to 71 million. The number of oldest-old Americans, those aged 80 years or older (the age group of patients in the United States with the highest hospitalization rate), will increase from 9.3 million in 2000 to 19.5 million in 2030.¹ If life expectancy continues to increase at the same rate seen in the 1990s, the number of oldest-old people could balloon to 31.2 million by 2050.

The GRA demonstrates the healthcare professionals' commitment to providing quality care to patients by participating in continuing education (CE) programs centered on the care of the older adult. It provides professional recognition of special knowledge in the care of older adults, which is sought by many health care employers, and supplements certification.

Who May Apply?

All healthcare professionals may apply for the GRA. You do not need to be a member of the AGS to be eligible. Applicants who meet all the requirements will receive an award certificate recognizing his/her participation in lifelong learning centered on the care of older adults.

Credit Requirements

The applicant must have earned **125 CE/CME credits** over a period of 4 or less years from CE/CME programs in geriatrics. At least 100 credits must be from programs that are sponsored or endorsed by the AGS. These programs include but are not limited to the AGS Annual Meetings, Geriatrics Review Syllabus. 25 credits can be from programs you have attended that have geriatrics content but are not sponsored, or endorsed by the AGS. Professionals may claim only those hours allocated to geriatrics content.

Term

The *Geriatrics Recognition Award* is valid for four (4) years from the month that the application is approved.

About the American Geriatrics Society (www.americangeriatrics.org)

The AGS is the premier membership organization for health care professionals who care for older people. It is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of all older adults. One goal of the AGS is to increase the number of health care professionals skilled and knowledgeable in and committed to providing high quality health care to older people. From research to professional education to clinical care, from public policy to public education and outreach, AGS members are actively shaping the future of health care for older adults.

Applications for the GRA should be submitted to:

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¹ Public Health and Aging: Trends in Aging—United States and Worldwide. MMWR February 14, 2003; 52(6): 101–106.

**American Geriatrics Society
Geriatrics Recognition Award
Application/Renewal Form**

Applicant Information (please type or print)

Name _____ Degree _____

Title _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email Address _____

Expiration date of current GRA certificate (if applying for renewal) _____

Application Fee

AGS members: \$25 Non-members: \$50

Total Payment: _____

Method of payment: MasterCard Visa American Express Check enclosed

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature _____

List AGS CE/CME Programs (include the title and date of the program and number of credits earned)

Program title	Date	Credits earned
Total hours from AGS CE/CME programs		

List Non-AGS CE/CME programs (include the title and date of the program and number of credits earned)

Program title	Date	Credits earned
Total hours from non-AGS CE/CME programs		

PLEASE ATTACH CERTIFICATES FOR EACH CE/CME PROGRAM LISTED ABOVE
