



New England Master Track Program Orientation Letter - Track XIII

Congratulations on your decision to expand your skills and knowledge in the field of dentistry! This document is intended to inform interested dentists of this world-class program and to bring awareness to the expectations of the program.

Please read to understand all of the contents of this letter, as much of this will impact you and your experience over the next five years. Get ready to enjoy the best CE you will ever find at such an affordable price.

Who? Who is the NEMTP?

New England Master Track Program (NEMTP) originated in 1991. Over 600 New England general dentists have obtained their Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry (MAGD) since this time, and that number is growing with you! It is a non-profit entity that simply attempts to bring like-minded general dentists together to learn advanced concepts in all phases and aspects of dentistry.

Although NEMTP can have members from outside of New England, most arise from the Northeastern states. Dentists that look to join such a continuum are hoping to gain knowledge and experience above and beyond what can be learned in dental school. Whether a dentist is looking to add surgery to your practice, or you just want to improve your treatment planning skill set, NEMTP can help you. Don't worry, no one is asked to do any procedures that they are not comfortable with. It's as much about awareness and treatment planning skills, as it is with clinical competency. But again, the clinical execution component is NOT required.

At any given time, there are two tracks. A senior track and a junior track. The senior track is in the latter 2.5 years of the program and the junior track is in the beginning 2.5 years of their track. Once the senior track completes their respective 5 years, the junior track then becomes the senior track and a new track begins (the new junior track).

Historically, obtaining your FAGD was a prerequisite for the NEMTP. This is no longer the case. As a result, there are participants with a wide distribution of previous CE credits. For those lagging behind in their CE credits, they are encouraged to seek additional CE during the five years in the program, with the hopes of achieving MAGD status with your classmates. Although this is not required, it is nice to walk across the MAGD graduation stage with your classmates to finish the program.

When: Dates and Times

The five-year program has 3-day weekend sessions in September and March. Currently the program is held in Portsmouth and/or Nashua New Hampshire, but several of the tracks in the past have rotated among the New England states. As a self-run organization, future meeting locations are entirely up to the members of the two active tracks.

Here is a basic itinerary for the weekend:

Friday and Saturday Lectures (Mandatory)

Friday and Saturday have lectures from 8AM - 5PM with lunch from 12PM - 1PM. The lectures are given from top-notch clinicians from all over the world. Fridays are usually didactic and Saturdays usually have some form of a hands-on component.

Lunchtime Friday and Saturday (Mandatory)

Lunchtime is a time for the vendors to share some information regarding their company and/or products. We ask for all participants to understand that much of our success is derived from vendor participation.. They provide a strong financial contribution to the organization, and without our interaction with them, we risk losing this part of the program. From implant companies to dental CPA's, you'll get to hear something interesting from a wide array of topics, while enjoying lunch.

The additional snack/break times are also a time we can visit the vendors. NEMTP expects a high degree of interaction between participants and the vendors. Without such interaction, we'd be left with the need of raising tuition, as the vendors would not see the value in them getting involved. Many past participants have expressed positivity about the presence of commercial vendors, and we look forward to everyone helping the success continue for years to come!

Sundays (Mandatory)

Each Sunday is dedicated to participant presentations. The presentations entail sharing of the homework assignment given from the lecturer of the previous session 6 months prior. Most Sundays end much earlier than 5PM. With this said, it is mandatory to stay for all of the presentations, even after you have delivered your presentation. There are no exceptions here, as it is an expectation we must uphold to maintain our PACE accreditation. Not to mention, presenting to our full group of peers is a great way to make us better clinicians.

Friday Morning Executive Committee Meeting (7 AM) (Mandatory for Executive Committee)

Each track will select an executive committee to help with running the program. Details for this will be given during the first session of NEMTP. With that said, this group meets on Friday mornings, and at various intervals between the meetings.

Saturday Evening General Membership Meeting 5:15 - 6:15 (Mandatory)

This meeting time is a moment for the Executive Committee to share aspects of the program with the general assembly. This mandatory session keeps everyone on the same page and continued success of the program.

Social Events on Thursday, Friday, Saturday Evenings (Optional)

The NEMTP social director will organize some events for the evenings. This very popular component of the program allows members to share ideas, network, and discuss various challenges in their day-to-day rigors. Many members claim the time outside of the class is the *most valuable* part of the five-year program, as peers tend to provide insight that is priceless. Friends are made, techniques are learned, and ideas are shared.

Each evening, it is optional to join other participants for dinner at local restaurants. As with the Thursday evening social gathering, many participants consider this time the best part of the program. Although you will not receive credits for your time discussing your favorite impression technique over a glass of wine or bourbon, you will definitely take much away that

will impact you back in the office early Monday morning.

Although spending time with colleagues within the track is highly encouraged, it is not mandatory. Some Track members choose to go out in smaller groups to try out different restaurants in the area. Some members have family nearby whom they visit. Some members also bring family members who go out shopping to take advantage of the tax-free shopping in New Hampshire. With that said, many past NEMTP participants share the evenings as the highlights of their 5 years with NEMTP.

Why NEMTP?

The NEMTP is designed to satisfy many of the requirements of the MAGD, *but not all*. One primary focus of the program is to satisfy the **participation requirements** set out by the National AGD and to help satisfy the specific discipline aspect of the award. Participation credits are often hard to find, expensive, and are not always offered in our neck of the woods. If you are not familiar with how participation requirements play a role in your AGD CE transcript, you are encouraged to visit the AGD National website at www.agd.org.

Before you can seek your MAGD, one needs to obtain their FAGD. Although neither of these are requirements of the program, they are strongly encouraged, as the MAGD is the reason NEMTP was developed in the first place. In addition, the participation credits obtained in NEMTP only satisfy MAGD requirements if the participant has achieved 500 or more CE credit at that time. If you have not achieved 500 CE hours at that time, the credits count towards the 500 towards the FAGD, but not the MAGD. Please contact National AGD for more information on this topic.

With that said, NEMTP can be a great place for someone simply looking for quality CE and colleague camaraderie. In order to obtain your FAGD, you need to accrue 500 hours of CE and pass the Fellowship exam. In order to obtain your Mastership, you need 1100 hours of CE after the initial 500 hours. At least 400 hours must be earned in participation courses, and 600 hours must be earned in specific disciplines. The NEMTP is designed to take a significant chunk out of these requirements. For more information on the FAGD/MAGD requirements, visit <http://www.agd.org/education-events/examawardsrecognition.aspx>

Tuition Considerations

Total cost: \$12,000 over 5 years

Payment Schedule:

Down Payment upon submission of contract: Pays for years 1 and 5 (\$4800)

Year 2 payment due at March session of year 2: \$2400

Year 3 payment due at March session of year 3: \$2400

Year 4 payment due at March session of year 4: \$2400

NEMTP is a continuum, not an a la carte program. This means the following, if you sign up for NEMTP, you are registering for the entire 5-year program. The continuity of the program depends 100% on the members paying for the entire program. Although the cost is spread out over the 5-year timeframe, you are obliged to pay for the entire program. This is explained more in the by-laws.

NEMTP is a highly sought after continuum. Although life can happen, the success of the program cannot be tied to an individual's personal circumstances. As a result, all tuition is non-refundable. We appreciate you understanding on the matter.

Hotel Accomodations

As previously stated, NEMTP has traditionally traveled around New England, visiting different cities each session. This became somewhat cumbersome, as planning an event with a hotel can be rather cumbersome, especially for busy dentists (again, this is a dentist-run organization). Somewhere around 2010, the group settled on Nashua, NH as its permanent location. This was consistent until 2022, when the group decided to try out Portsmouth, NH. The executive committee is currently discussing long-term plans for locations.

Because of the size of our group, we often get moderate discounts for hotel stays. To plan such deals, NEMTP needs to know that a certain number of participants will be staying in the hotels. As a result, for those NOT staying at the hotel, there is an ancillary fee of \$50 per night (\$150 total). This helps pay for the speaker's accommodations since the hotel doesn't grant us concessions for not meeting a quota of room reservations.

When calling to reserve a room, keep in mind that it is up to the individual to indicate they are wishing to stay under the "NEMTP Room Block". Failure to do so will not be the responsibility of the NEMTP.

If the block sells out, NEMTP is not to be held liable for the difference in rates. It is up to the individual to plan ahead of time and take advantage of the block, when available.

Executive Board

NEMTP is a "self-run" program. The members of the tracks comprise the entire executive committee and the rules and by-laws held therein. Therefore, it is critical that each track create its own executive committee. Each track will hold its own elections for its track executive board (planning committee).

The National AGD does not "run" NEMTP, but instead only provides the PACE guidelines for accreditation. With that said, NEMTP voted to bring on a non-dentist Administrative Director in 2022. The specific roles of this person will be determined over time, but it's important for all participants to recognize this is and always will be a "self-run" organization and much of the administrative work is done by its participants (The Dentists). With that said, the new Administrative Director will be utilized to help where possible, hopefully lessening the time commitment of the executive committee.

Details about the responsibilities of each position will be given as part of the Executive Committee documents during the first session.

Tentative Schedule for Master Track XIII

***Note: This is a tentative schedule. Each track has the opportunity to modify as they deem necessary**

September 2022 Friday and Saturday - Perio Sunday - Clinical Photography	March 2023 Friday and Saturday - Removable Prosth Sunday - Perio presentation
September 2023 Friday and Saturday - Pedo/Ortho Sunday - Removable presentation	March 2024 Friday and Saturday - Endodontics Sunday - Pedo/Ortho presentation
September 2024 Friday and Saturday - TMD Sunday - Endodontics presentation	March 2025 Friday and Saturday - Esthetics Sunday - TMD presentation
September 2025 Friday and Saturday - Oral Surgery Sunday - Esthetics presentation	March 2026 Friday and Saturday - Dental Materials Sunday - Oral Surgery presentation
September 2026 Friday and Saturday - Fixed Sunday - Dental Materials presentation	March 2027 Friday and Saturday - New Requirements Sunday - Fixed presentation

NEMTP Absence Policy

***The NEMTP program is a 5-year program and not an a la carte CE lecture series. Therefore, course tuition is due regardless of attendance. The success of the program depends on regular tuition payments.**

In order to maintain integrity of the NewEngland Master Track Program, attendance is required. As we all know, things happen in life that may preclude one from being able to attend part of, or entire meeting. Below is an outline of what happens in the event of a missed (portion) session.

It is important to keep in mind that NEMTP is not an entity where something is obtained at the completion of the program (a certificate or degree), unless FAGD/MAGD is sought outside of the program. Instead, it is a curriculum that facilitates the need to get hands-on and participation credits for the Mastership in the AGD. Therefore, if a portion is missed, the downside is missing credits of that particular subject matter. Therefore, it is not necessary to make up the missed time unless the participant has that specific subject matter need for their MAGD transcript. With that said, continued attendance in the program is required for the success of the program, as the tuition from its 5-year commitment is what allows NEMTP to be successful. As a result, a maximum of two missed weekends is allowed for continuation within the Track. If more than two full weekends are missed, the participant will be encouraged to join a subsequent track.

Missed Full Weekend

If a full weekend is missed, a NEMTP participant has the following options.

- 1) Attend the NEMTP session of a subsequent Track (this would result in not walking with the group during the Mastership ceremony). If the NEMTP participant decides to attend the subsequent track (2.5 years later) instead of attending their own track's originally scheduled subject matter, it is at the discretion of the individual. But this will be at the expense of the credits of their current track. Tuition of the subsequent track will be waived.
- 2) Attend a MasterTrack session of a different MasterTrack Program (location, attendance, course fees, presentation, and acquired credits are the responsibility of the individual). The presentation for this subject matter must be done at the alternative MT Program in order to receive the presentation credits. NOTE: If this remedy is sought, one is not allowed to present to the group for presentation credits. Only those that attended the full session can present to the group at the subsequent 6-month meeting.
- 3) Find other CE opportunities that fulfill missed credits. Keep in mind that some hands-on components may be tough to find.

Missed Presentation (Only)

- 1) Absence from Sunday presentations results in loss of "doubling" of previous session's credits. See credit explanation for more details on the "Protocol Method" in the PACE Guidelines.
- 2) Departure from Sunday presentations earlier than completion of the day's presentations results in loss of all presentation credits, including the doubling of credits from the homework assignment. This is non-negotiable regardless of reason.
- 3) If participant attended the lecture but no presentation was given, 8 hours of lecture credit will be provided. A MAXIMUM of 2 sessions allowed without doing a presentation. If a 3rd session is done without a presentation, the NEMTP member will be asked to be removed from the program, as much of the success of the program comes from seeing our peers and their trials and tribulations on Sundays.
- 4) Previous tracks allowed presentation credits if the homework assignment was presented to the course lecturer by means other than Sunday presentation (email, skype, etc). The PACE committee and the AGD has recently made guidelines against this. If you do not present on Sunday, you do not get the presentation and doubling credits.

Missed one lecture session

If one lecture is missed, the participant will lose 8 hours for the lecture and lose 8 hours of homework, as homework hours are based on a one-to-one basis to the lecture/participation hours. This would result in the following:

-If Friday (lecture) is missed, but the participant was present for the hands-on Saturday course and did the homework and presentation, they would receive 8 participation credits, 8 homework credits, and 8 presentation credits, totaling 24 participation credits.

-If Saturday (hands-on component) is missed, but the participant was present for Friday lecture and did the homework and presentation, they would receive 8 lecture credits, 8 homework credits (as lecture) and 8 presentation credits, totaling 24 participation credits.

-For those that miss half of a day, the credit hours will be allocated in a similar fashion as above.

Below is the excerpt from the PACE Guidelines from the AGD.

For protocol/mastertrack courses, credit will be awarded hour-for-hour for the formal, on-site session(s). The amount of credit for the homework component must not exceed, but may be less than, the amount of credit awarded for the initial formal on-site session(s) and be commensurate with the level of difficulty of the homework assignment. Additional credit will be awarded hour-for-hour for the case presentation session. To determine if hours are participation or lecture, use these conditions:

a. If the participant completes the formal on-site session(s), does the homework component and passes the final case presentation, all hours awarded may be coded as participation.

b. If a participant does not complete all three components (on-site lecture session, homework and case presentation) participation credit can only be awarded if the initial demonstration session(s) contained hands-on activities and as defined in Standard XI.B.2.

I hope that this document helps to outline the absence policy for the NEMTP. Keep in mind that these policies are in place to allow the program to succeed for years to come. It is inevitable that someone will feel the pinch of these guidelines. These guidelines were developed over years of past participants' contributions. As a result, we stand firm on these guidelines and ask each member to strongly consider them before signing up for the program. Feel free to reach out to us if there are any further questions that are not addressed here.

In summary, we are excited to have you join us with the New England Master Track Program. Your patients are lucky to have you seek such a career upgrading opportunity. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions!

Best,

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To become a member of the NEMTP Track 13, please send the following:

- 1) Email Dr. Zachary Reagan (dr_reagan@sacoriverdentistry.com) to confirm the course still has vacancy.**
- 2) Check or money order for the deposit of \$4800 (next payment of \$2400 will be due Sept 2023) and;**
- 3) Sign and return this document to:**

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I, _____ (Print name) have read the entirety of this letter and agree with all of its contents. I am agreeing to the 5-year commitment and I look forward to upgrading my skill set through the New England Master Track Program (NEMTP).

Signed: _____

Date: _____