

# 2024 Academy of Laser Dentistry Annual Conference

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Conference Design and Educational Methods

The Academy of Laser Dentistry's 31st Annual Conference is intended for educational and informational purposes to improve dental education, clinical practice, and dental research in the use of lasers in dentistry. Educational methods include lecture, discussion, and demonstration activities. The theme for 2024 is "Navigating Laser Technology: From Basics to Brilliance!"

### Expected Learner Outcomes

Expected learner outcomes include a broad overview of the research and clinical aspects of lasers in dentistry. Presentations encompass applications in virtually all laser wavelengths for general dentistry, periodontics, operative (restorative) dentistry, endodontics, implantology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, oral medicine, orofacial pain, pain management, and the business of dentistry. By means of lectures, all attendees will have exposure to basic science and clinical laser use in many areas of dentistry. In addition, the specialty nature of this conference provides a networking between practitioners, researchers, and academicians leading to new interest and scientific breakthroughs in the field of dentistry.

### Laser Certification Program

The educational objective of the Academy's Laser Certification Program is to provide candidates with an overview of the scientific fundamentals of lasers, the instruments themselves, safety issues, and clinical guidelines in accordance with the Curriculum Guidelines and Standards for Dental Laser Education.

### Intended Audience and Background Requirements

The intended audience includes dentists in all disciplines, hygienists, dental assistants, office staff, industry representatives, government professionals, and anyone interested in learning about lasers in dentistry. The meeting is geared toward both novice and experienced laser practitioners who will share information about the use of lasers in dentistry. Unless specified otherwise for certain sessions, individuals attending the conference are not required to have any previous knowledge or experience in laser dentistry, medicine, or surgery.

### Responsibility of Program Selection

The Academy's Conference & General and Scientific Sessions Committee is solely responsible for the review of submitted abstracts, selection of faculty and presenters, and approving the specific content of all continuing education (CE) activities.

### Continuing Education Credit

Continuing education credit is available to all eligible participants. The amount of CE credit to be granted is determined according to the individual educational content of each presentation and course. Up to 24.75 CEUs are available in the 2024 program.

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| Thursday Pre-Conference..... | 2.25 Lecture, 7.0 Participation |
| Friday.....                  | 4.0 Lecture                     |
| Friday Workshops.....        | 4.0 Participation               |
| Saturday.....                | 3.5 Lecture                     |

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Saturday Workshops..... 4.0 participation



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