

Gold Credentialing

POLICY UPDATE

Purpose

To ensure the highest standards of Montessori Inspired Lifestyle® are maintained, the Center for Applied Research in Dementia (CARD) is now requiring Gold Montessori Inspired Lifestyle® communities to renew their site credentials after two years.

As of 7/1/2024, Gold credentialing certificates will include the distinction of being an International award, and they will include active years, e.g., 2024-2026. Gold certificates will be up for renewal on the 2nd anniversary of the award date.

Sites will be required to renew their Gold credentials through the following renewal application process:

1. Email notification by CARD of renewal date 60 days prior to the renewal date.
2. Payment of renewal application fee (\$500).
3. Completion of a virtual renewal application, which documents
 - a. Number of internal trainers present on site
 - b. Current video or photo scan of MIL elements in community
 - c. Minimum of three exemplary activities/events taking place within the last year indicating MIL Best Practices are in effect (written description with video and/or photo)
 - d. Current written policies and procedures demonstrating a commitment to MIL principles and values
4. Sites meeting these renewal criteria will receive a new Gold certificate and badge active for two years, as well as an updated listing on our website directory.
5. Sites will be given a 60-day grace period after the renewal date to meet renewal requirements.
6. After the 60-day grace period, sites will require a formal site visit to renew their Gold credentials. The fee for a site visit is \$2,500 plus travel costs.

Note: Renewal will be **optional** for communities that have a CARD Training and Credentialing Agreement dated before 7/1/24 regardless of whether they have yet achieved Gold. However, we strongly encourage these communities to renew their credentials by offering a reduced application fee of \$250. These Gold communities may choose to renew at any time.

