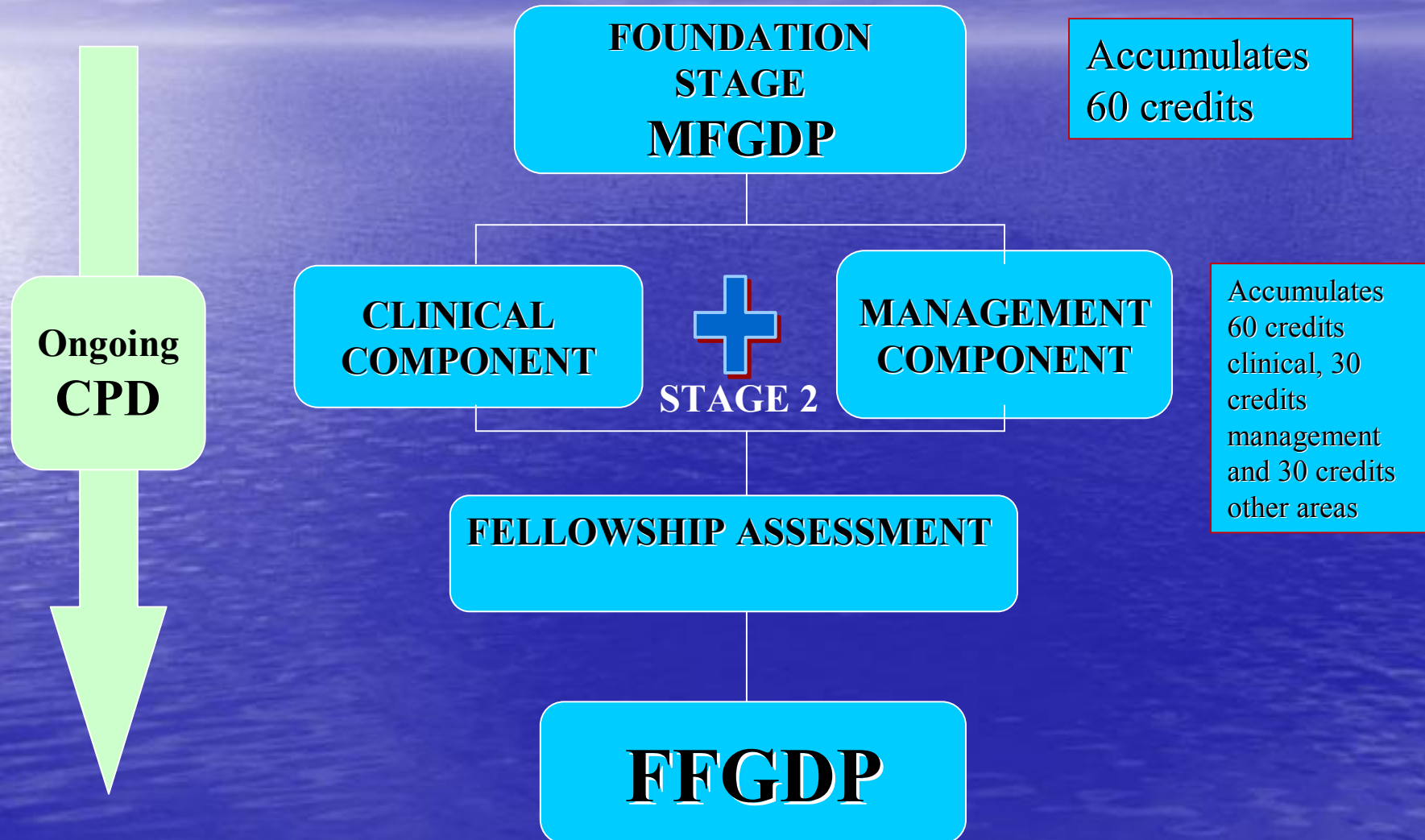




# The FGDP(UK) Career Pathway

Your Pathway from BDS to the  
Fellowship - FFGDP(UK)

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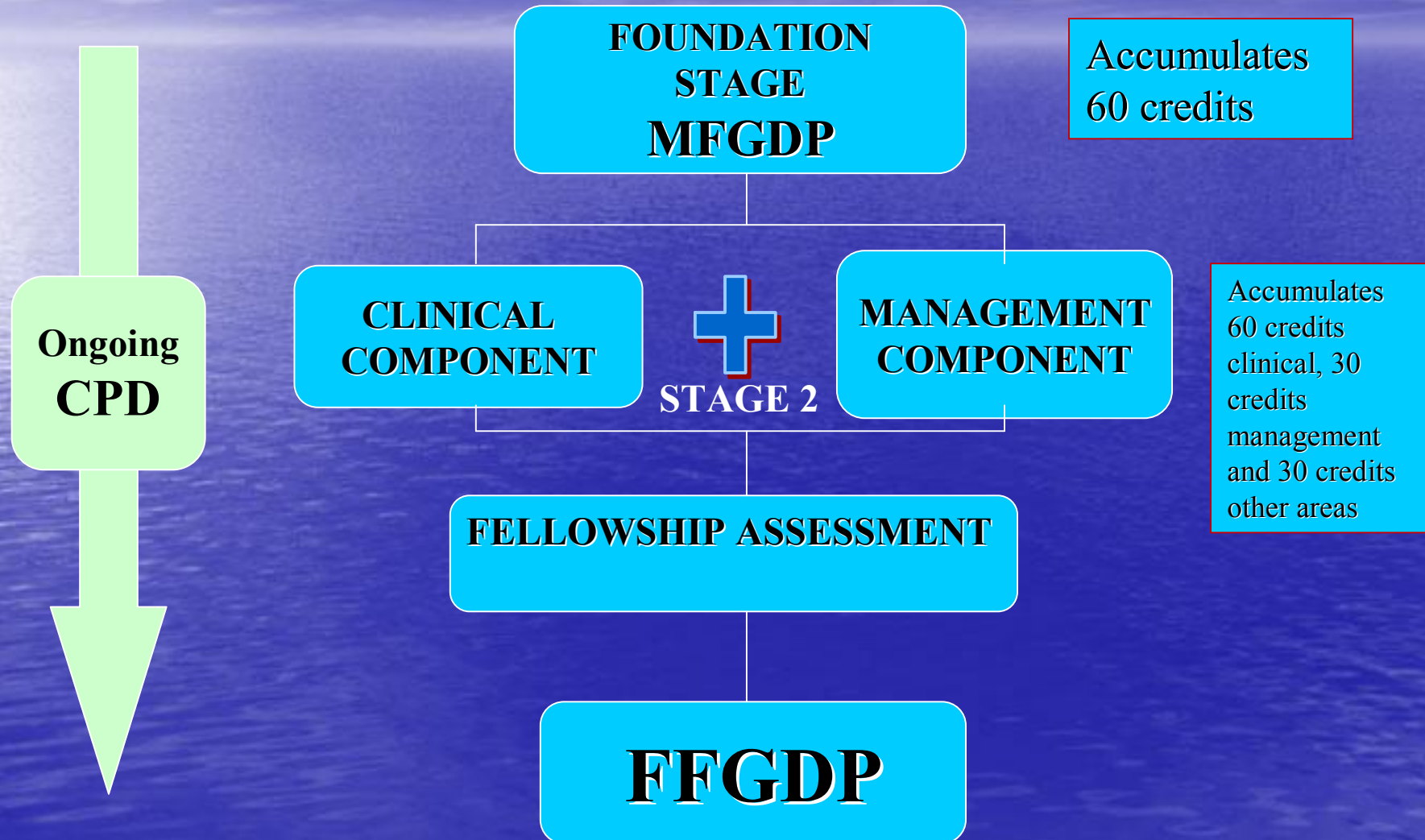
# Why do we need a Career Pathway?

- Development Framework
- Career-long learning
- Raising Standards

# What are the requirements for joining the Career Pathway?

- Registerable primary dental qualification
- Faculty membership

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# What are the Three Stages?

- Stage 1 = Foundation Stage (60 credits)
- Stage 2 = Further training and development (120 credits)
- Stage 3 = Fellowship Assessment

# Foundation Stage

- MFGDP(UK)
- 10 years experience plus the MFGDP(UK) coursework module
- MFDS, Dental MSc, M Clin Dent or equivalent plus the coursework module

# Why do I need the Coursework Module if I already have so many qualifications?

- Many experienced dentists will already be specialising in particular areas of dentistry.
- The Career Pathway is for primary care practitioners- the coursework module is a marker of generalist primary dental care competencies

## Stage 2

- 120 credits across three components:

–Clinical component                      60 credits

–Management component                30 credits

–'Other areas' component                30 credits



**How can I  
gain stage 2  
credits?**

**Two routes:**

**Taught**

**and**

**Experiential**

## How are taught credits gained?

- Through FGDP(UK) Diplomas and other taught postgraduate programmes
- Clinical programmes at level 7 (masters level) and above
- Management programmes at level 5 and above
- All accredited programmes should be externally quality assured

# Credit Rating

- What is Credit Rating?

This is the allocation of credits to the different components of the Pathway.

- Can my qualification count towards more than one component?

Yes, depending on the qualification, it could be split across all three components

# Can you give me an example of a Credit Rating?

An MBA would have 180 transferable credits from the university.

An MBA is a non-clinical degree, so the maximum credits that could be used on the Career Pathway is 60, split as:

30 towards the management component

30 towards the 'other areas' component

# Why can't I use all the credits from my MSc?

The Career pathway framework only allows for a certain number of credits to be 'imported' into each component.

So, an MSc might have 180 credits from Eggheads University, but for the Pathway, the holder could only use 60 credits for the 'clinical' component, and 30 credits for the 'other areas' component. The remainder would be superfluous for our purposes.

# How do I know if my qualifications are accredited?

- List available on [www.fgdp.org.uk](http://www.fgdp.org.uk)
- Awards not on the list can be considered by FGDP(UK) Credit Transfer Committee

# What is the Experiential Route at Stage 2 ?

- Open to those qualified 10 years or more
- Allows practitioners to gain credits through prior learning, training and experience
- Assessed against Competency Frameworks.

# What are the Competency Frameworks?

First frameworks are in:

- Endodontics
- Periodontics
- Orthodontics
- Minor Oral Surgery

Frameworks in leadership and management and research will follow later in 2006.

- Can I follow a mixture of the taught and experiential routes?

Yes. You can accumulate credits from the taught and experiential routes.

# What does the Fellowship Assessment involve?

- Evidence based assessment
- Have met the Foundation and Stage 2 requirements.
- Support from a mentor
- A practice visit
- Presentation of a portfolio of evidence
- Presentation of 4 cases (some exemptions apply)

# What support is available?

- Career Pathway advisors service
- Mentoring at stage 3
- Quarterly newsletter with latest Career Pathway information

# More Questions:

- What does it cost?

No extra charge, although participants will be paying Faculty membership fees and fees for their qualifications. And of course for the Fellowship!

- Is there a time limit to complete?

No – it is up to the participant

# What about overseas qualifications?

Overseas qualifications can be accepted provided they meet the requirements for accreditation.

Requirements are the same as for UK qualifications.

# Where can I get further information?

From our website:

[www.fgdp.org.uk](http://www.fgdp.org.uk)

Or by calling FGDP(UK) on:

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