



Scholarship & Discovery (see agenda)

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- A minimum of 100 units are required for S&D in your fourth-year; you can earn up to 300 units. This means 1 to 3 months of full-time scholarly project work. Alternatively, you may take 100 units worth of elective coursework. You will “apply” for these units via the Learning Plan.
- MSTP students and those who are S&D exempt will get separate emails about their learning plan.
- Learning Plans open on August 1 and are due no later than September 27, 2019 at noon. You can work on a new project or an existing project.
- Senior Scientific Session is on May 13, 2020, and you can sign up for it in a non-binding way right now.

Class Updates

Pritzker Chiefs

- We would love to have you participate in the Senior Skit!
- Send us ideas for the DAC speaker. We will be sending out a more formal survey soon.

KEY SLIDESHOW POINTS

Please view the slideshow posted online for a full walk-through of ERAS.

Here are some key points:

- 1) ERAS and the NRMP are two different things. You must **register for both**. (Slide 13)
- 2) Your profile section is the only thing you can update in ERAS *after* submitting applications. Profile data includes contact information, couples match information, NRMP ID, and AOA/GHHS status. You will receive notice about AOA or GHHS before the September 5 ERAS application opening. (Slide 17)
- 3) Once you register for the NRMP—registration opens September 15—you should put your NRMP ID number into your ERAS application. (Slide 18)
 - a. Ophthalmology and urology match students still need to register with the NRMP and ERAS for their preliminary programs.
- 4) Your BLS certification expires in June 2019. (Slide 19)
- 5) Formatting your application: **stay consistent** with your descriptions. We recommend using semicolons or periods between phrases in **free text boxes** instead of bullet points, which will not show up on your application—whatever you choose, stay consistent. (Slide 24)

- 6) The “Training” and “Medical Licenses” sections do not apply to you; you can skip them. (Slide 25)
- 7) Always add a “reason for leaving” under your experience section, even if it’s something like, “Experience ended” or “One-year term was up”. Never give someone a reason to guess why you left; make it as clear as possible. (Slide 26)
- 8) If you took a leave of absence or research year and are having trouble figuring out how to describe it, ask Rebecca or Dr. Woodruff. (Slide 31)
- 9) Keep in mind when you are filling out your ERAS application that you are in essence writing another CV. Use the “View/Print MyERAS Application” link to download and proofread your application. (Slide 39)
- 10) **Be incredibly clear when you label your LORs and Personal Statements.** Program Directors will not see how you label your documents—just make sure you know which documents you want to assign to which programs. (Slide 42)
- 11) If your letter was written by a specialty advisor but signed by the Chair of the department, it is still considered a Chair’s letter and you should mark it as such. (Slide 46)
- 12) To submit your USMLE scores, **you must click the “Authorize Release” button.** All of the scores that are available by the time you pay for your USMLE transcript through ERAS will be released. When your Step 2 scores come in, you can go back into ERAS and retransmit your scores. If you are concerned about your potential Step 2 score, you may want to take Step 2 later in the season and re-release your scores after you are done interviewing. If you are having trouble figuring out whether to retransmit your scores when you receive your Step 2 score, talk to Dr. Woodruff or your Career Advisor. (Slide 53)
- 13) If the fees for applying to ERAS or the NRMP are cost-prohibitive, please talk to Bethany about working this in with financial aid. (Slide 66)
- 14) You do not have to give the Dean’s Office permission to view your application. That is up to you. (Slide 72).