MS4 Class Meeting: Preparing Your Rank List

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Road to Residency: Final Leg

• Residency Advising Tool
• Principles to Consider
• NRMP & Match Violations
• Overview of rank process
• Making the Match work for you
• Getting your match results
• SOAP
• Match Week!
Residency Advising Tool
Residency Interview/Match Database

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  – Helpful information for your class and future Pritzker students

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- Texas Star vs. Pritzker Residency Advising Tool

- What is included in the database?
  - An aggregate of multiple data sources
    - Residency application & interview outcomes for prior classes
    - Match outcomes
    - NRMP Data
    - Student information (clerkship grades, USMLE, etc.)

- How is it used?
  - To enhance career advising for residency
    - Profiles of successful applicants by specialty
    - Profiles of successful applicants by program
  - To enable students to gauge their competitiveness
  - To facilitate student success in the match
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• Do the right thing
  o Be honest: don’t pretend what you don’t feel
  o If something is making you uncomfortable, pay attention to that feeling

• Do not get distracted
  o There is no one silver bullet or “right move”
  o Evaluate the advice you receive critically and judiciously
Principles to Consider

• There is more than one program for you
  o Don’t “fall in love”: monogamy comes later
  o Bundle the programs in groups of 3-5 as your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. choices

• You are applying for a job
  o There is more than one way to judge the outcome
  o Make a commitment to thrive wherever you go
NRMP & Match Violations
The Match Commitment

Section 5.1

The listing of an applicant by a program on its certified rank order list or of a program by an applicant on the applicant's certified rank order list establishes a binding commitment to offer or to accept an appointment if a match results and to start training in good faith (i.e., with the intent to complete the program) on the date specified in the appointment contract. The same binding commitment is established during the Match Week Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) if a program offers a position by listing an applicant on its preference list and the applicant accepts that offer. Absent a waiver from the NRMP, failure to honor this commitment by either party shall be a breach of this Agreement and may result in penalties to the breaching program or Applicant.
Section 5.1 (continued)

An applicant who gives notice of resignation, resigns, or vacates a position within 45 days of the start date specified in the appointment contract shall be presumed to have breached this Agreement, unless evidence is submitted through the NRMP waiver process, sufficient to show that the applicant entered into the program in good faith and the NRMP determines the applicant has a reasonable basis to be released from the binding commitment to the program under the procedures set forth in Section 2.5 of this Agreement.
NRMP Rules

• Sponsoring institutions that register any programs in the Main Residency Match agree to select senior students of U.S. allopathic medical schools for all of their programs only through the Main Residency Match or another national matching plan. In addition, programs participating in the Main Residency Match agree to select senior students of U.S. allopathic medical schools only through the Main Residency Match.

• Applicants and programs can express their interest in each other, but parties may NOT require that the other reveal, verbally or in writing, ranking preferences or intentions.

• Applicants and programs are bound by the results of the Match.
NRMP Rules

#1: You must show up!

#2: You can profess your affection

#3: Neither you nor programs can require that the other disclose ranking intentions
Match Communications

Program directors frequently send letters containing statements that can be misinterpreted by students. Program Directors may also call you several times on the phone to indicate their level of interest.

These letters and phone calls are not binding and have no standing when final rank orders lists are submitted.
Dear Applicant:

We have thoroughly enjoyed your visit with us and it is clear that you will excel wherever you choose to go.

You represent the kind of candidate that has traditionally done well in our program and we hope to have the opportunity to work with you in the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

Program Director
Overview of Rank Process
Deadlines and Dates

January 15, 2020, 11 am CST  Rank order list entry opened

January 31, 2020 10:59 pm CST  Final quotas for programs

February 26, 2020 8 pm CST  Ranking closes and lists must be certified

March 13  Email notifying applicants they are eligible for SOAP

March 16, 10:00 am CST  Did I Match? List of Unfilled Programs (SOAP)

March 20, 10:00 am CST  Match Day festivities begin

March 20, 11:00 am CST  Match envelopes can be opened

March 20, 12:00 pm CST  Match results posted to NRMP website
NRMP Fees

Individual: 20 programs
• 1-20 programs may be ranked on your primary rank order list at no additional charge; each additional ranked program costs $30 per program.
• 1-20 programs may be ranked on your supplemental rank order list(s) at no additional charge; each additional ranked program on all supplemental lists combined costs $30 per program.

Couples: 20 programs
• Couples pay an additional $35 per partner, and rank 1-20 unique programs at no additional charge. Each partner must have the same number of ranks. Remember, couples can list the same program more than once on their list depending upon the corresponding program on their partner’s list.

Extra fees are due at the time of certification. Those fees are NOT refundable if you certify a shorter list at a later time.
Rank Order List Entry

• The rank order list can be entered in one or more sessions.

• It can be modified or re-ordered any number of times up until the deadline (but we do not recommend getting close to the deadline due to server slowness!):

  8:00 pm CST on February 26, 2020

• Applicants in the middle of a session at 8:00 pm will not be able to complete their session and will be forced off the server.

  Do not wait until the last minute!
1. Visit: www.nrmp.org

2. Use AAMC/ERAS ID to access ranking system

3. Go to “My Profile” to make sure your email is current; email is the primary means of NRMP communications

4. http://www.nrmp.org/applicant-support/ has an excellent 10 minute video called “Enter and Certify a Rank Order List”—take time to watch it
Creating Your ROL
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2014 Main Residency Match

Applicant Rank Order List

Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. Allopathic Medical School
Username: TomSawyer
NRMP ID: N0186552
AAMC ID: 54444444
USMLE ID: 5-555-555

Match Year: 2014
Appointment Year: 2014
Applicant Status: ACTIVE
Fee Status: Paid

Find & Add Programs

- You may add Programs to the list by entering their NRMP Program Code below, or by searching for them on the "Find & Add Programs" tab.
- Click drag and drop the icons in the "Drag & Drop" column to move a Program’s rank.
- Select "Remove" on any Program record below to delete it from the list.

Certify List

Find & Add Programs

State / Province
Specialty
Program Type
Program Information
Institution Name
NRMP Program Code
ACGME Program Code

Add Selected Programs to ROL & Send
Reset
Search
Creating Your ROL

[Image of Applicant Rank Order List (ROL) page]

- Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. Allopathic Medical School
- Match Year: 2014
- Appointment Year: 2014
- Applicant Status: ACTIVE
- Fee Status: Paid

[Search filters and fields]
- State/Province
- Specialty
- Program Type
- Program Description
- Institution Name
- NRMP Program Code
- ACGME Program Code

[Program list with 94 programs found]
- Institution Name: American Medical Center
- Location: New Orleans, LA
- Status: ACTIVE
- NRMP Program Code: 16910490A0
- ACGME Program Code: 0401111111
Creating Your ROL

[Image of a webpage showing a form for selecting programs, with options for State/Province, Specialty, Program Type, Program Description, Institution Name, NRMP Program Code, ACGME Program Code. A button labeled "Add Selected Programs to ROL & Save" is highlighted, along with a program listing for "American Medical Center - Anesthesiology".]
Supplemental List Entry
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You may add Preliminary Programs to this list by entering their NRMP Program Code below, or by ensuring this Supplemental ROL is selected on the “Find & Add Programs” tab and searching for programs.

- Click, drag and drop the icons in the “Drag & Drop” column to move a Preliminary Program’s rank.
- Select “Remove” on any Preliminary Program record below to delete it from this list.
- Please return to the “Primary Rank Order List” tab and click <Certify List> in order to Certify your ROL.

If desired, you may edit the suffix name of the Supplemental ROL name here.

Enter NRMP Program Code to add a Program: [Code] Rank: [Number] Add & Save
Supplemental List Entry
Couples Matching

• Please check in with Dr. Woodruff to discuss strategy and logistics

• Check out [http://www.nrmp.org/applicant-support/](http://www.nrmp.org/applicant-support/) and watch the “Couples in the Match” training video
Modifying Your Rank Order List

You may add programs to the list by entering their NRMP Program Code below, or by searching for them on the "Find & Add Programs" tab. Click, drag, and drop the icons in the "Drag & Drop" column to move a program's rank. Select "Remove" on any program record below to delete it from the list.
Certifying the Rank Order List
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Please Enter Your Authentication Information

You have 2 program(s) ranked on your Primary Rank Order List. You also have 1 associated supplemental list(s) containing a total of 2 unique programs ranked.

The Match Participation Agreement to which you affixed your password during registration states that the listing of a program on your certified Rank Order List establishes a binding commitment to accept the position if a match results. Failure to honor the commitment may result in penalties as described in the NRMP's Violations Policy.

To have your Rank Order List included in the Match, you must complete the certification process by entering your password below and clicking the Submit button.

* Password

Submit
Rank Order List Confirmation

Match Options
Account Maintenance
Institution & Program Violations
My Rank Order List
My Reports
SOAP

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Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. Allopathic Medical School
Username: TomSawyer
NRMP ID: 60185552
AAMC ID: 54444444
USMLE ID: 5-955-955-5

Applicant Status: CERTIFIED

2014 Main Residency Match
Match Year: 2014
Appointment Year: 2014

My Rank Order List

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Supplemental Rank Order List - A-Supplemental ROL

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Print List
Edit List
Modifying Certified Rank Order List

• If you change your certified rank order list by adding, moving, or deleting a program, the previous rank order list is deleted.

• You can re-certify your rank list multiple times, however….

• You must certify your rank order list again for it to be used in the Match.
Rank Order List Confirmation

- Print a copy of your final rank order list after submission.

- The NRMP will send a confirmation to your email address after you certify your rank order list.

- PSOM staff will be able to confirm that you have a match status of CERTIFIED ROL on the NRMP website.
Making the Match Work for You
How the Match Algorithm Works

• Applicant “proposing”
• Starts with an attempt to place an applicant in the program ranked #1 by the applicant
• A tentative Match occurs:
  o if the program also ranked the applicant and the program has unfilled positions
  o if the program is filled but the applicant is ranked higher than another applicant tentatively matched to that program
How the Match Algorithm Works

- There is no match if:
  - the program did not rank the applicant
  - the program ranked the applicant but is filled with other applicants more preferred by the program

- Matches are final when:
  - when the algorithm completes its cycles

- Couples match when:
  - the algorithm places a couple in their highest ranked pair of programs on the PRIMARY list where BOTH matched
Deans’ Ranking Advice

• Meet with your career advisor to discuss strategy

• Aim high & rank all programs: the algorithm favors you

• Take advantage of the 20 FREE!

• The #1 reason students don’t match is because they didn’t rank enough programs

• Even if a program says “We will rank you #1”, this is not a guarantee

• Do not wait until Feb. 26 to certify. Aim for a one week (or more!) buffer!

• Trust us: You do not want to go through the SOAP
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Rank Order List Length by Specialty

Chart 4
Median Number of Contiguous Ranks of U.S. Allopathic Seniors by Preferred Specialty and Match Status

Matched
Not Matched

- Anesthesiology
- Child Neurology
- Dermatology
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- General Surgery
- Internal Medicine/Pediatrics
- Interventional Radiology
- Neurological Surgery
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Orthopaedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology
- Pathology
- Pediatrics
- Plastic Surgery
- Psychiatry
- Radiation Oncology
- Vascular Surgery

Values shown in the chart: 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18
When should you not rank a program?

Only when you would rather be unmatched than be at that program.
Final Considerations

Think/Rank in Bundles

(First Tier, Second Tier, Third Tier) The Match favors you!

Plan Ahead

Complete your list at least a week before the February 26 deadline. If you wait until the last minute, servers may be overloaded and very slow.

Complete All Steps

Be sure to certify your rank order list.

Trust yourself!

Do not make last minute changes to your rank order list. Most such changes are not well thought-out, and applicants frequently regret the changes.
Getting Your Match Results
Friday, March 13, 2020

You will receive an email (and notice in the R3 system) that you are eligible for the SOAP… DON’T PANIC!
Monday, March 16, 2020

At 10:00am (CST), applicants log into the NRMP R3 system and receive one of the following messages:

1. Congratulations, you have matched
2. Congratulations, you have matched to an advanced position, but not a first year position
3. Congratulations, you have matched to a one year position
4. We are sorry, you did not match to any position
5. You are NOT matched because you did not submit a certified rank order list
6. You are NOT matched because you are withdrawn
SOAP: Supplementary Offer and Acceptance Program
SOAP

• SOAP is not a second match. It is a series of offers by programs.

• The NRMP R3 System offers positions to applicants in order of a program’s preference.

• Applicants can receive multiple offers in any one round.

• Positions offered / accepted during SOAP establish a binding commitment / enforced by the Match Participation Agreement.
Match Week Schedule

Monday, March 16, 9:30am CST   PSOM gets embargoed unmatched seniors report
Monday, March 16, 10:00am CST  Applicant “Did I Match?”
                                Program “Did I Fill?”
                                Unfilled (SOAP) positions posted online
Tuesday-Thursday              Applicant/program communication
                                SOAP offers extended
Friday, March 20, 10:00am CST  Match Day ceremonies begin (Ida Noyes)
                                11:00am  Students open Match Day envelopes
                                12:00pm  Match results posted on NRMP website
Match Day: March 20, 2020!
FAQs

• I loved almost all of the programs I saw. How do I decide where I really want to go?

• How do I decide where to put the University of Chicago on my rank list?

• How much should I value personal life over professional opportunities?
Reminders

• Complete Residency Interview Survey in the next week.

• AAMC 2020 Graduation Questionnaire opens February 14th
  – You will receive further instructions from Pritzker about the survey
  – High response rate is expected!
    • And rewarded!