Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program® (SOAP®) 101
Today’s Experts

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**What is SOAP®**

- Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program® (SOAP®)
- Programs review applications in ERAS®, contact applicants, and express preferences with lists created in the NRMP’s R3® system.
- Unfilled positions are offered to eligible unmatched applicants on the program’s preference list in a series of four rounds.
- It is NOT another Match and applicants do NOT enter a rank list.
- Positions offered and accepted constitute a binding commitment under the Match Participation Agreement.
SOAP Eligibility Requirements

To participate in SOAP, applicants must have been registered with the NRMP for the 2024 Main Residency Match by February 28, have been verified as eligible to enter GME on July 1, and be fully or partially unmatched.

How an applicant is verified depends on applicant type:
- The ECFMG® verified credentials of IMGs
- Medical Schools verified eligibility for US MD and DO Seniors and Graduates

Either the school or the NRMP withdraws applicants whose credentials were not verified by the Rank Order List (ROL) Deadline.

There is no separate SOAP registration. Applicants must have been registered in the NRMP by February 28th to participate in the Match and SOAP.
Communication During SOAP

SOAP-eligible applicants:

- Can access the *List of Unfilled Programs* in NRMP only for positions for which they are eligible.
- Can apply only to unfilled Match-participating programs that are participating in SOAP.
- Are prohibited from using any means other than the application designated by the program to apply to and contact programs.

⚠️ No contacting programs until the program initiates contact with you!
SOAP Participation Exception

Fully unmatched SOAP-eligible applicants who want to pursue interests other than clinical residency training may do so provided:

• The position sought is not affiliated with a Match- or SOAP-participating residency program;
• The position does not qualify for training credit in an ACGME-accredited residency program; and
• The applicant does not submit any applications to SOAP-participating programs during Match Week.
SOAP Begins

Learn if you matched on Monday, March 11 at 10:00 a.m. ET via NRMP’s R3 system and email.

Partially-unmatched applicants and couple applicants whose partner did not match will have the city, state, and zip code of their matched program provided in the R3 system.

Unmatched or partially unmatched applicants will have access to the List of Unfilled Programs under the SOAP tab in NRMP.

Begin applying to programs in MyERAS at 11:00 a.m., ET.

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SOAP Unfilled Programs List

Match Home Page

Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. Allopathic Medical School
Username: isekebo
NRMP ID: N0478830
AAMC ID: 23424542
USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5

Match Results: We are sorry, you did not match to any position.
# SOAP Unfilled Programs List

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35 specialties found.

Unfilled Programs: 705
Unfilled Positions: 2,862

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Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) in NRMP SOAP®

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Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS®)

The Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) streamlines the residency application process for applicants, their Designated Dean's Offices, Letter of Recommendation (LoR) authors and program directors. By providing applicants the ability to build and deliver their application and supporting materials individually or as a package to programs, ERAS provides a centralized, but flexible solution to the residency application and documents distribution process.
Preparing for SOAP in MyERAS

Prior to Match Week, ERAS recommends that applicants:

Log into their AAMC account and confirm access.

• Use the *Forgot username/password* options or contact ERAS Client Technical Support for assistance with any login issues.

Certify and submit their MyERAS application, if not already completed this season.

• Except for the Personal Information section, the application cannot be edited once it has been certified and submitted.

Keep Personal Information section (e.g. NRMP ID) updated in MyERAS.
Preparing for SOAP in MyERAS

Ahead of Match Week, ERAS recommends applicants:

Upload any new or updated supporting documents

• Medical School Transcript, Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE), Letters of Recommendation (LoRs)

• USMLE and/or COMLEX-USA Transcript release
  ▪ NBME, NBOME, and the ECFMG understand the need for expediency during this time and work to resolve these requests as quickly as possible before and throughout SOAP

• Personal statement(s) or photo
In order to apply to programs in ERAS during SOAP:

• Applicants must be SOAP-eligible (eligibility is determined by NRMP).
  ▪ Applicants may refer to the NRMP Registration, Ranking, and Results (R3) system for their match status.

• The MyERAS Application must be Certified & Submitted
  ▪ For those who submitted an application during ERAS 2024, this step is complete.
  ▪ For those who did not complete this as part of the regular ERAS 2024 season, go to the MyERAS application and certify and submit prior to Match week.
ERAS Fees during SOAP

If an applicant applied to at least one residency program by 7:30 a.m. ET Monday March 11, 2024, there is no fee to participate.

- Non-SOAP ERAS Application fees can be found on the ERAS for Applicants website.

If an applicant has not applied to at least one residency program before Monday, March 11 at 7:30a.m. ET and is SOAP-eligible, they will pay the ERAS base fee of $99 to participate.

If an applicant has not sent their USMLE or COMLEX-USA transcripts during the ERAS 2024 season, a fee of $80 per transcript type will apply.
ERAS Applications during SOAP

• Applicants can apply to a total of 45 ERAS service-participating programs for the entire SOAP process.
  • The 45-application limit includes new and previous programs that the applicant applied to during the 2024 ERAS application season.

• Applicants cannot withdraw an application after it has been submitted. All applications will count toward the 45-application limit.
Applying to Programs in MyERAS during SOAP

1. Review the NRMP’s *List of Unfilled Programs*
   *Keep in mind the 45-application maximum for the entire SOAP process*

2. Navigate to MyERAS; login with your AAMC account

3. Search for programs in the Programs tab

4. Select desired training track(s) and save your programs

5. Select the programs you would like to apply to and choose the Apply/Preview Invoice option

6. Assign documents
Logging into the MyERAS Application during SOAP

Dashboard

ERAS 2024 Season - Residency-

Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program® (SOAP®) - Eligible

You are eligible for SOAP.

During Match Week, unmatched and partially matched applicants who are deemed eligible may participate in SOAP (Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program) to try and obtain an ACGME-accredited residency position.

To participate in SOAP applicants must:

- Be registered for the NRMP Main Residency Match®.
- Be eligible to enter GME on July 1st of the Main Residency Match Year as verified by your medical school or ECFMG.
- Have been partially matched or fully unmatched during the NRMP Main Residency Match.
Searching for Programs during SOAP

Search Programs

Select a Specialty *
Select specialty

Select a State
Select state

Select a Program
Select program

Search By Accreditation ID
Saving Programs in MyERAS during SOAP
Applying to Programs in MyERAS during SOAP
Viewing Payment Information in MyERAS during SOAP

Payment Information - Invoice

Program Name: Adventist Health White Memorial Program
Specialty: Internal Medicine

1. Program Application Fee: $0.00
   Subtotal: $0.00
   Tax: Where applicable, will be calculated at checkout.
   Estimated Total: $0.00

View SOAAP Processing Fees and Tax

Note: Applicants are instructed to research program accreditation and participation status, requirements, and deadlines before applying to any program. ERAS will not grant refunds for instances such as applying to programs that are closed or no longer accepting applications.

Payment Acknowledge: I accept and acknowledge the ERAS Payment Policy.

After this transaction you will have 44 programs of your 45 SOAAP programs remaining.

4. CANCEL CONTINUE
Re-applying to Programs in MyERAS during SOAP
Assigning and Sending Documents in MyERAS during SOAP

Just like during the regular season, applicants will need to assign documents to programs they apply to.

For USMLE and COMLEX-USA transcript requests:

- NBME, NBOME, and the ECFMG understand the need for expediency during this time and work to resolve these requests as quickly as possible before and throughout SOAP.

  - **Tip:** Applicants can keep track of Transcripts’ statuses in the Additional Documents section
Assigning and Sending Documents in MyERAS during SOAP

Personal Statements

ERAS 2024 Season - Residency

Personal statements may be used to personalize your application with any additional information not collected in the application. You may create as many personal statements as needed, but only one may be assigned to each program. Please review the allowable formatting detailed in the user guide. As a reminder, please only copy and paste plain text into the text editor.
Assigning Personal Statements in MyERAS during SOAP

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Assigning Letters of Recommendation in MyERAS during SOAP

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**SOAP Programs**

- Adventist Health White Memorial Program
  - Internal Medicine
  - Medicine - Preliminary
  - Program Code: 1040140P0 (Preliminary)
  - Saved: 0

**Non-SOAP Programs**

- John Hopkins University School of Medicine
  - Diagnostic Radiology/Nuclear
  - Categorical (Advanced)
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**The MATCH**

**ERAS**

**The Future in Focus**
Assigning and Sending Documents in MyERAS during SOAP

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Match Week & SOAP Schedule

**Monday**
March 11
7:30 a.m. ET
Applicants: MyERAS closes
Programs: PDWS closes
Schools: DWS closes

11 a.m. ET
Applicants: MyERAS opens for SOAP (SOAP applicants have 45 applications starting now through Thursday 9 p.m. ET)
Schools: DWS opens

**Tuesday**
March 12
8 a.m. ET
Programs: PDWS opens
Except: ACGME Residency programs that filled in the Main Match or elected to not participate in SOAP

11:30 a.m. ET
Programs: Can begin creating preference list in NRMP R3 system

**Wednesday**
March 13
All Day
Applicants continue to apply to programs.
Programs continue to review applications in the PDWS and update preference lists in the NRMP R3 system.

**Thursday**
March 14
9-11 a.m. ET
NRMP SOAP Round 1

12-2 p.m. ET
NRMP SOAP Round 2

3-5 p.m. ET
NRMP SOAP Round 3

6-8 p.m. ET
NRMP SOAP Round 4

9 p.m. ET
SOAP Ends; ERAS resumes normal operations
Programs: PDWS is opened for all programs

NRMP Releases unfilled program list to applicants

NRMP Releases Confidential Roster of Matched Applicants to Programs

**Friday**
Match Day—March 15
12 p.m. ET
School ceremonies begin

12 p.m. ET
Applicants: Find out where they matched through the NRMP R3 system and email

*Note: Fully matched programs participating in the Main Residency Match® will not have access to the PDWS until after SOAP (Thursday, March 14, 9 pm ET).*
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1. Viewing and Accepting Offers
2. After SOAP
3. Match and SOAP Data
After Applying

• Programs receive ERAS applications on Tuesday and can begin contacting applicants, usually via phone or email.

• Applicants cannot contact programs until a program contacts them in response to their application.

• Tuesday, March 12 and Wednesday, March 13 applicants should be available for communication and interviews.

➢ How programs review applications, contact applicants, and conduct interviews is up to the programs.

• Programs begin creating preference lists in the NRMP R3 system in preparation for Offer Rounds on Thursday, March 14.
SOAP Offer Rounds
Thursday, March 14

1. 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ET
2. 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET
3. 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET
4. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. ET
How SOAP Rounds Work

1. Program has two unfilled positions
2. Offers extended to program’s top two applicants on the preference list at the start of the SOAP round
3. Both offers tracked real-time in the R3 system
How SOAP Rounds Work

- **Positions accepted?**
  - Yes: Program has binding commitments with two applicants. Participation in SOAP is complete.
  - No: Program’s positions will be offered to the next two available applicants on the program’s preference list at the beginning of the next SOAP round.
  - Yes and No: Program has binding commitment with one applicant. Remaining unfilled position will be offered to next available applicant on the list at the beginning of the next SOAP round.

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Viewing and Accepting SOAP Offers

All offers have been generated for the current round. You do not have any offers for the current offer round. The next round of offers will be sent at 3:00 PM March 18, 2020 EST.
Viewing and Accepting SOAP Offers
Viewing and Accepting SOAP Offers
After SOAP

• SOAP concludes at 9:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, March 14. Applicants can begin contacting programs.

• All applicants who remain unmatched or partially unmatched will have access to the List of Unfilled Programs, updated with programs who chose not to participate in SOAP.

• The List of Unfilled Programs is dynamic, and programs can update the number of remaining unfilled positions.

• Applicants apply to remaining unfilled programs through ERAS or other means.
Post-SOAP Unfilled Programs List

Match Home Page

Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. DO Medical School

Username: rweasley
NRMP ID: N0603784
AAMC ID: 19989776

Applicant Status: CERTIFIED
Fee Status: Paid
Verification Status: Verified
SOAP Status: SOAP ELIGIBLE

Match Results: We are sorry, you did not match to any position.
2023 Match: PGY-1 Match Rate by Applicant Type
Overall Match rate = 81.1%
2023 Main Match Unfilled Positions (all)
2,685 Unfilled Positions

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2023 SOAP Positions: Offered and Accepted by Round

2,685 Unfilled Positions
2,658 Positions in SOAP

End of SOAP:
227 positions remained

SOAP Round

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2
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4

Accepted
Rejected
Expired

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2023 SOAP positions: Unfilled After SOAP

2,658 Unfilled Positions Placed in SOAP

Vascular Surgery
Pediatrics/Medical Genetics
Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical
Neurodevelopmental Disabilities
Internal Medicine/Anesthesiology
Diagnostic Radiology/Nuclear Medicine...
Otolaryngology
Nuclear Medicine
Neurological Surgery
Interventional Radiology (Integrated)
Internal Medicine/Emergency Medicine
Dermatology
Pediatrics/Psychiatry/Child and Adolescent...
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Anesthesiology
Neurology
Child Neurology (Neurology)
Obstetrics and Gynecology
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Psychiatry
Radiation Oncology
Pediatrics
Transitional Year
Internal Medicine
Emergency Medicine
Surgery-General
Family Medicine

Unfilled After SOAP
2023 SOAP

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2023 SOAP Positions
Offered and Accepted by Applicant and Position Type

2,425 applicants accepted 2,431 positions
2023 Match PGY-1 Match and Placement Rates

- Match Rate
- Placement Rate - All Applicants
- Placement Rate - Active Applicants

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NRMP Support Resources

Videos:
- The Match Process for Applicants
- How the Matching Algorithm Works
- IMGs and the Main Residency Match Process
- SOAP for Applicants
- Policy Highlights
- Policy Pitfalls for SOAP

Support Guides:
- SOAP: Viewing Unfilled Programs
- SOAP: Viewing/Responding to Offers

Other videos and guides available at www.nrmp.org
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F 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. ET

Please submit your questions in the Q&A Panel.

This session is being recorded and will be shared with applicants.
Thank you for joining us!