



Verifying Graduation Credentials and Ranking in the Main Residency Match

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Agenda

- 1. Match Calendar**
- 2. Recap: New for the 2026 Main Residency Match**
- 3. Managing Students & Graduates**
- 4. Applicant Eligibility & Verification**
- 5. Ranking and the Matching Algorithm**
- 6. Resources and Support**
- 7. Questions?**



2026 Main Residency Match Calendar

Friday, January 30
11:59 P.M. ET

Standard Registration Deadline for Applicants

Monday, February 2
12:00 P.M. ET

Applicant Verification begins for Medical Schools
Ranking Opens for applicants and programs

Wednesday, March 4
9:00 P.M. ET

Rank Order List (ROL) Certification Deadline for Applicants & Programs

- Registration Deadline - Applicant late registration for the Match and SOAP and Match withdrawal deadline.
- **Deadline to verify students and graduates as eligible for the Match**

Monday, March 16
10:00 A.M. ET

SOAP Begins
Program and Applicant Match Status Released

Tuesday, March 17

Programs can review SOAP applications in their preferred application service, interview, and begin creating preference lists in NRMP

Thursday, March 19
9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M. ET

Four SOAP Offer Rounds

Friday, March 20
12:00 P.M. ET

Match Day!

≈ July 1

Training Begins

Recap: New for the 2026 Main Residency Match

Charting Outcomes™: Medical School Report

Pilot: Voluntary Locking Functionality for Program Rank Order Lists (ROL)

Medical School fees

Primary source USMLE and NBOME applicant score data



Managing Students & Graduates

For the Main Residency Match, SOs and SAs:

- Monitor applicants (both seniors and graduates) who have registered for the Match
- Withdraw sponsored applicants (MD and DO seniors) who are ineligible to enter GME on July 1 in the year of the Match
- Edit and update applicant graduation dates
- After ranking begins on February 2, SO/SAs verify graduation credentials of students and graduates
- Provide complete, accurate, and timely information to programs about your students

Match Policy-Accurate Information

Section 5.0 Complete, Timely and Accurate Information

School Officials are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of information exchanged between medical schools and programs.

- *Be sure the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) contains complete and accurate information about an applicant's journey, highlighting all academic and personal events that could bear on a program's consideration of the applicant's candidacy.*
- *Create and upload an addendum to an MSPE if the school has confirmed knowledge the MSPE, as written, is no longer accurate.*
- *Contact a program, even if after a student has matched, if there is something about the student's status (e.g., delayed graduation, transfer) that will impact the student entering the program.*

Accurate information must be maintained and communicated, verbally and in writing, throughout the application, interview, ranking, matching, and onboarding processes!

R3 System

The screenshot shows the Match Home Page of the THE MATCH National Resident Matching Program. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Options, School, and a user profile for Marcus Thompson. The main content area displays the following information:

My School: Southwest School of Medicine
Role: School Official
Username: mmthompson

There are 106 Applicants from your school in this Match.

Status	Seniors	Graduates	Total
INITIAL - Not yet completed Registration	7	0	7
ACTIVE - Complete Registration, no Rank Order List	95	4	99
RANKING - Rank Order List present, Not Certified	0	0	0
CERTIFIED - Ready for the Match	0	0	0
WITHDRAWN - Was withdrawn from the Match	0	0	0
Total Number of Applicants in School	102	4	106

You have not loaded a student list for use in Student Participation Status Verification. Click this button if you would like to do so now.

Upload Student List

Uploading & Tracking Students

Upload a student list containing names and IDs of sponsored applicants

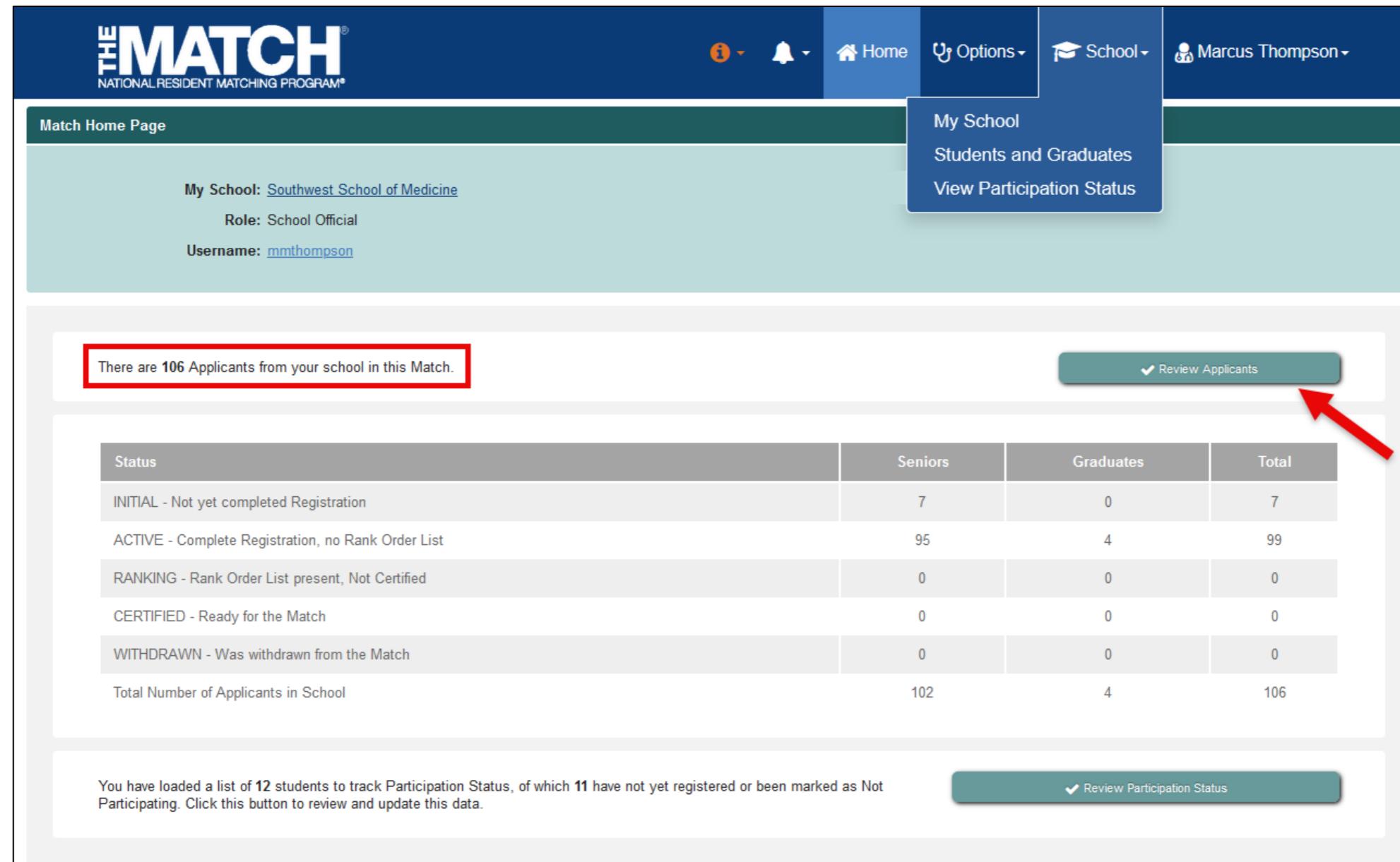


R3 system compares registered applicants to the uploaded list and removes applicants as they register



Helps SOs and SAs identify seniors who have not yet registered for the Match

Managing Students & Graduates



The Match National Resident Matching Program

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You have loaded a list of 12 students to track Participation Status, of which 11 have not yet registered or been marked as Not Participating. Click this button to review and update this data.

Review Participation Status

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Students and Graduates

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- Once the Graduation verification period begins on 08-Oct-24 you will see additional options on the screen

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Name: Battich, Taylor
AAMC ID: 42659741
USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5

Reason for Withdrawal:

Your Password:

Please Select

- Accepted Position Outside Any Match
- Deceased
- Deferred Residency
- Delayed Graduation
- Dismissed
- Early Graduate
- Early Match Position
- Leave of Absence
- Leaving Medicine
- Military Match Position

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Your Password:

[Cancel](#) [Withdraw Applicant](#)

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Applicant Eligibility

Verification Begins February 2, 2026



Applicants must be registered in the NRMP and verified by March 4th to participate in the Match and SOAP.

There is no separate SOAP registration.

To participate in the Match and SOAP, applicants must **register with NRMP**, and be **verified** as eligible to enter GME on July 1, 2026

- How an applicant is verified depends on applicant type:
 - ✓ Medical Schools verify eligibility for US MD and DO Seniors and Graduates
 - ✓ The ECFMG® verifies credentials of International Medical Graduates (IMGs)
- Each sponsoring institution (e.g., a teaching hospital) may have additional eligibility requirements

Match Policy- Verification of Applicant Eligibility

6.3 Verification of Applicant Eligibility

Before the Rank Order List Certification Deadline:

The medical school must verify in the R3 system:

- *Each applicant's anticipated eligibility to enter graduate medical education training on July 1 in the year of the Match; and*
- *The graduation of all applicants identifying themselves as graduates of the medical school*

After the Rank Order List Certification Deadline:

- *The medical school must notify the NRMP immediately if an applicant is deemed ineligible to enter graduate medical education on July 1 after the Rank Order List Certification Deadline or after match status or match results have been released.*

Verifying Graduation Credentials

- Begins when ranking opens on February 2 at 12:00 p.m. ET
- Applicants must meet all requirements for entry into GME as prescribed by ACGME®
- School may have additional graduation requirements; eligibility status must be based on school- specific criteria
- Ineligible sponsored applicants must be withdrawn
- Do not withdraw applicants unless it is known CONCLUSIVELY they will not graduate on time to enter training on July 1
- Verification must be complete by the ranking deadline on March 4 at 9:00 pm, ET

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Edit Graduation Date

You have selected to edit the Graduation date for the following applicant:

Name: An, Eleanor
Applicant Type: MD Senior
AAMC ID: 63477899
USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5

Please edit the date as needed then click <Update Grad Date>.

Graduation Date: May 2025

Cancel **Update Grad Date**

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Grad Credentials Pending: 88

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Other R3 Options

School Information

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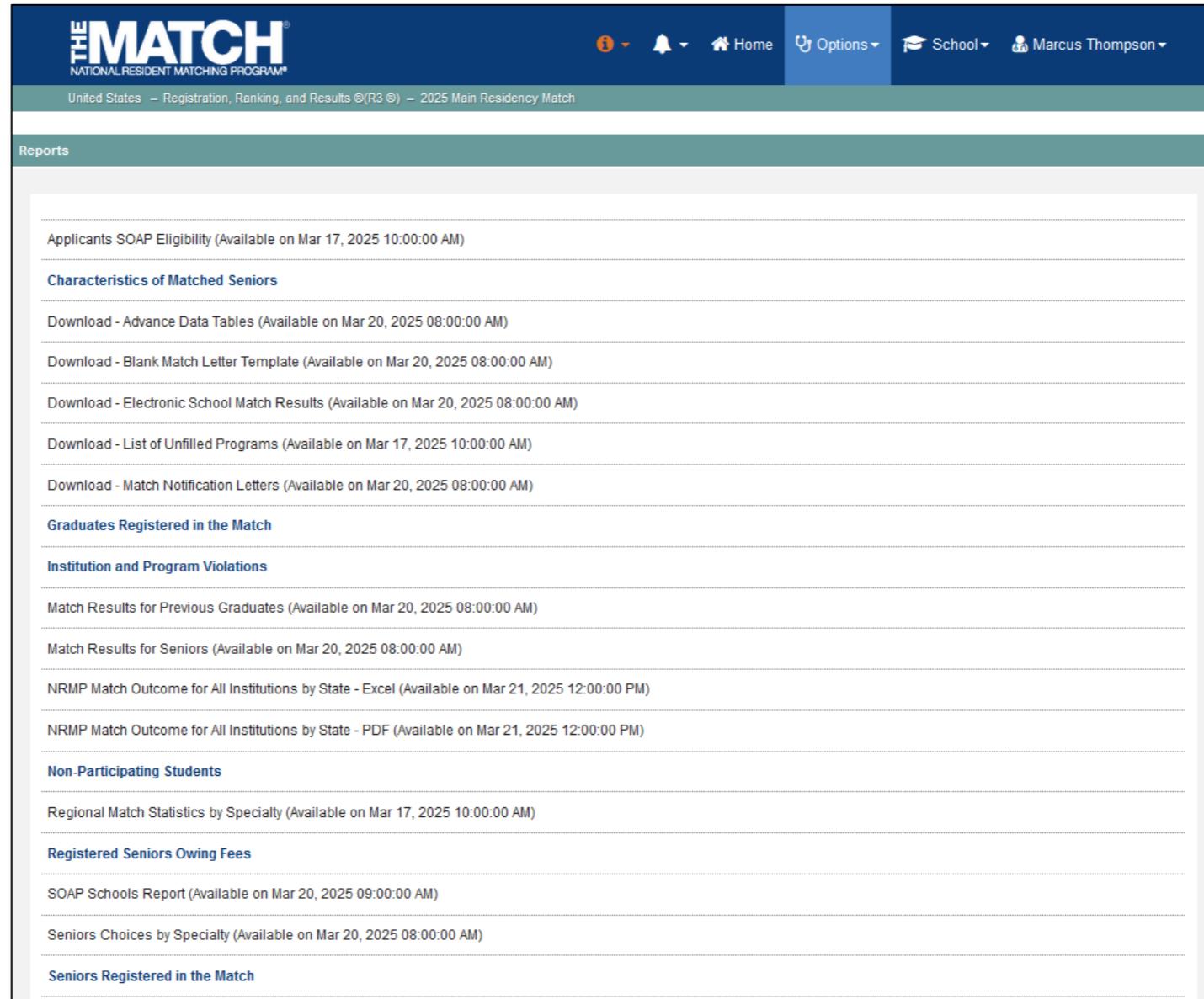
Edit School

* Required

* School Code:
* School Type:
* School Name: Southwest School of Medicine
* Short School Name: SW SOM San Antonio
FAIMER ID:
Country:
* City: San Antonio
State / Province:
* School Status:
School Official:
School Administrator:

[+ Change SA](#)
[+ Remove SA](#)

Other R3 Options



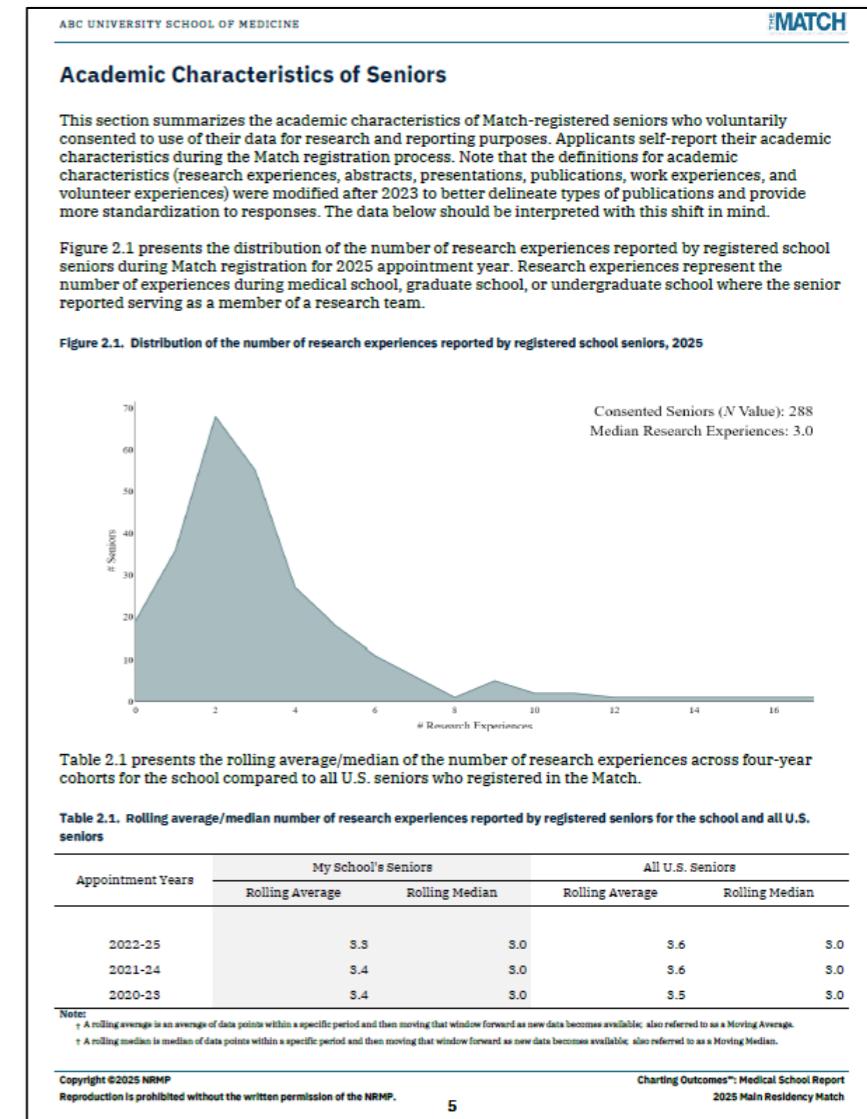
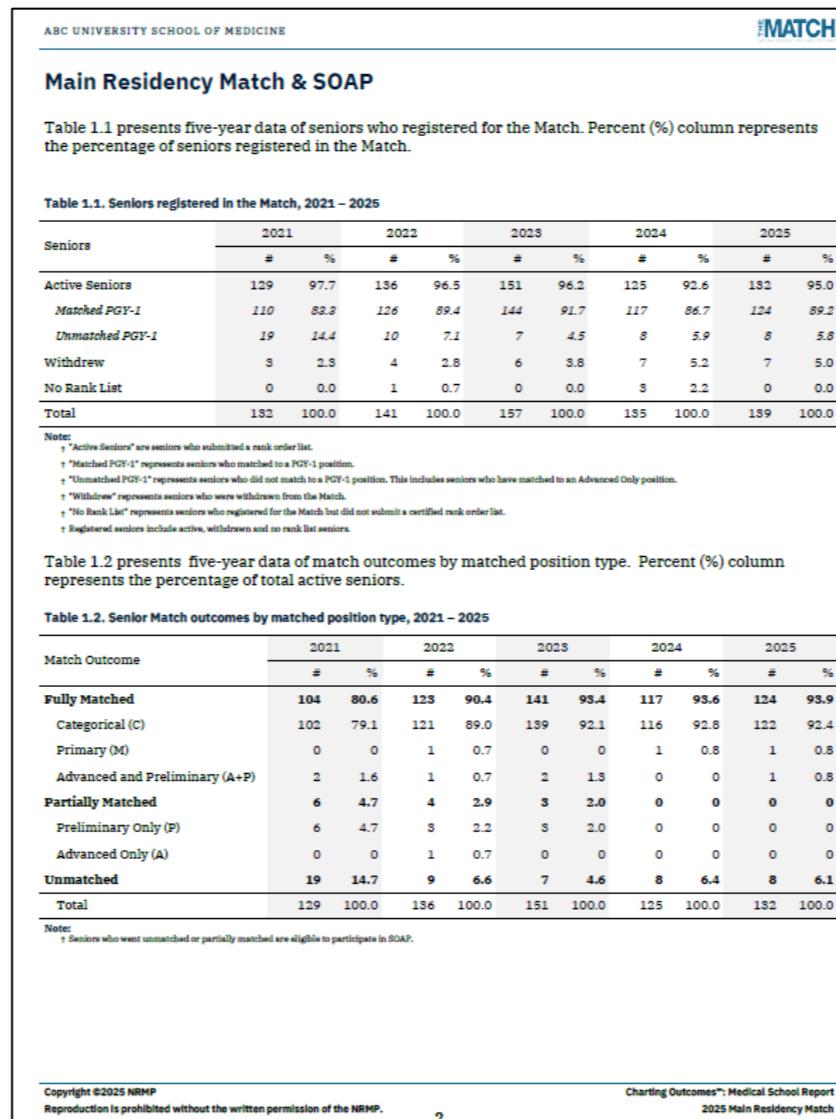
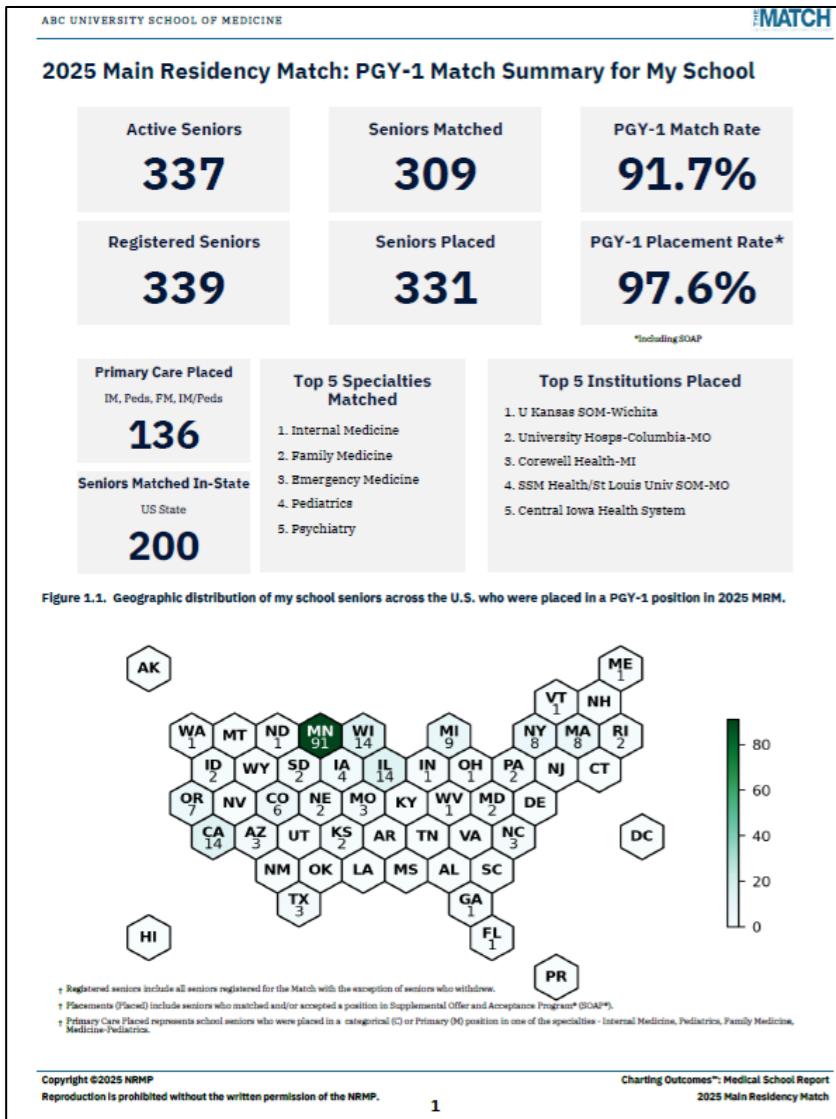
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- Applicants SOAP Eligibility (Available on Mar 17, 2025 10:00:00 AM)
- Characteristics of Matched Seniors
- Download - Advance Data Tables (Available on Mar 20, 2025 08:00:00 AM)
- Download - Blank Match Letter Template (Available on Mar 20, 2025 08:00:00 AM)
- Download - Electronic School Match Results (Available on Mar 20, 2025 08:00:00 AM)
- Download - List of Unfilled Programs (Available on Mar 17, 2025 10:00:00 AM)
- Download - Match Notification Letters (Available on Mar 20, 2025 08:00:00 AM)
- Graduates Registered in the Match
- Institution and Program Violations
- Match Results for Previous Graduates (Available on Mar 20, 2025 08:00:00 AM)
- Match Results for Seniors (Available on Mar 20, 2025 08:00:00 AM)
- NRMP Match Outcome for All Institutions by State - Excel (Available on Mar 21, 2025 12:00:00 PM)
- NRMP Match Outcome for All Institutions by State - PDF (Available on Mar 21, 2025 12:00:00 PM)
- Non-Participating Students
- Regional Match Statistics by Specialty (Available on Mar 17, 2025 10:00:00 AM)
- Registered Seniors Owing Fees
- SOAP Schools Report (Available on Mar 20, 2025 09:00:00 AM)
- Seniors Choices by Specialty (Available on Mar 20, 2025 08:00:00 AM)
- Seniors Registered in the Match

Reports and Results

- *Characteristics of Matched Seniors*
- *Seniors/Graduates Registered in the Match*
- *Seniors with Certified Rank Order Lists/Seniors without Certified ROL*
- *Withdrawn Applicants/Withdrawn Seniors*
- *Unmatched Applicant Report*
- *Download – List of Unfilled Programs*
- *SOAP Schools Report*
- *Download - Electronic School Match Results*
- *Download - Match Notification Letters*
- *Match Results for Seniors/Previous Graduates*
- *Seniors' Choices by Specialty*
- *Charting Outcomes™: Medical School Report* – **New!**

Charting Outcomes™: Medical School Report



Ranking and Matching

The Rank Order List Certification Deadline and the deadline for your students and graduates to register for the Match and SOAP®:

Wednesday, March 4 at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Applicants must:

- Complete the NRMP registration process
- Electronically sign the Match Participation Agreement
- Pay all Match fees
- Be verified as eligible to enter GME by July 1



Primary vs. Supplemental ROL

What is a
Primary ROL?

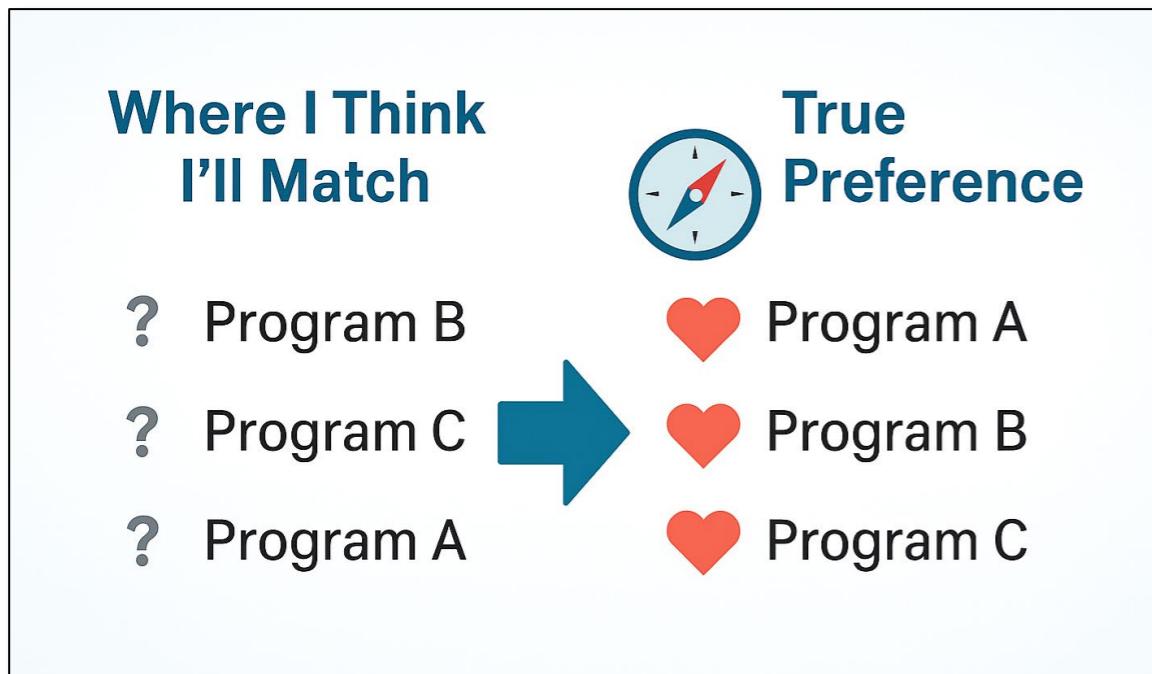
- List for categorical, advanced, physician-reserved programs, and sometimes preliminary programs
- Can be a mix of geographic location and specialties

What is a
Supplemental
ROL?

- List for preliminary programs that are attached to any advanced programs on the primary ROL
- Intended to provide full course of training
- Can be a mix of geographic location and specialties
- Can have up to 16 unique supplemental lists

Ranking Guidelines

Programs should be ranked based on the applicant's true preference and not where they think they may match



- Rank only those programs where the applicant is eligible and willing to train
- ROLs must be saved after changes and only the most recent version of a ROL is saved
- Changes can be made to a ROL after it has been certified; however, if ROL is uncertified to be edited, the new version must be re-certified
- **No changes after the deadline.** NRMP will not add, delete, or move programs or in any way modify a ROL

Voluntary Locking Functionality for Program Rank Order Lists (ROL)



Internal Medicine,
Pediatrics, and Vascular
Surgery - programs
announce their intention
to participate in the pilot



Lock implemented voluntarily by
a program anytime after ranking
opens and either before the first
post-interview or by **Feb. 9**



Program's participation and lock
status will be indicated to
applicants and medical schools
in the NRMP's R3 system



ROL must be certified before
being locked and once locked,
the ROL cannot be changed.
Locking is irreversible.

Applicant: Program Directory Search

Find & Add Programs

State / Province

Specialty

Program Type

Program Description

Institution Name

NRMP Program Code

ACGME Program Code

Osteopathic Recognition 

There were 2 programs found. Click any column header to sort by that column.

Add	Institution & Program Description	Location	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Health Center - Internal Medicine	City, AZ	CERTIFIED		
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Health Center - Medicine-Preliminary	City, AZ	ACTIVE		

1 to 2 of 2 rows

« First < Prev Next > Show 5 Results per Page

Add Selected Programs to ROL & Save Cancel

Reset Search

Applicants can search R3's program directory to see if a program is participating and has locked their ROL

Applicant: Certifying the ROL

Primary Rank Order List

Reminder: The Rank Order List Certification Deadline is Wednesday, March 4, 2026 9:00 PM ET

- You may add Programs to the list by entering their NRMP Program Code below, or by Searching for them on the "Find & Add Programs" modal by selecting from "Add Programs" menu.
- Click, drag and drop the icons in the "Drag & Drop" column to move a Program's rank.
- The maximum rank order list length is 300 ranks.
- Select "Remove" on any Program record below to delete it from the list.

Drag & Drop	Prim ROL Rank	Institution & Program Description	Suppl ROL	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code	Remove
☰	1	🔒 Health Center - Internal Medicine		CERTIFIED			<input type="button" value="X"/>
☰	2	🔓 Health Center - Medicine-Preliminary		ACTIVE			<input type="button" value="X"/>

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When adding programs to the ROL, applicants can see which programs in the pilot have certified and locked their ROL

Check out additional resources and contact pilot@nrmp.org with questions



NRMP's Voluntary Program Rank Order List (ROL) Lock

FAQs

This document addresses commonly asked questions regarding the NRMP's Voluntary Rank Order List (ROL) Lock for Programs, with the partnership of the Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Vascular Surgery specialties. Programs in those three specialties will have the opportunity to participate beginning with the 2026 Main Residency Match® cycle.

This pilot will make it possible for the NRMP, and participating programs, to explore the merits of a voluntary functionality that would allow programs to “lock” their rank order lists in the NRMP’s Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3®) system. If a program voluntarily locks its ROL prior to the certification deadline, this allows the program to establish a window when interviewees could visit—or not—the program without concern that the program might alter its ranking preferences afterward.

For more information regarding the background and rationale for this initiative, please see the report from the NRMP’s [Match Summit Meeting](#).

For information regarding the process and timeline, resources are available on the [Voluntary ROL Lock webpage](#).

Click on any of the below to jump directly to the FAQs developed for that user type:

Applicants

Program Directors

Designated Institutional Officials (DIOs)

Medical School Officials



<https://www.nrmp.org/voluntary-program-rank-order-list-lock-pilot/>

Match Policy-Restrictions on Persuasion

5.3 Confidentiality and Restrictions on Persuasion

All applicants have a right to make selection decisions that are free of undue or unwarranted pressure.

5.3.2. Applicant Rank Order Lists and SOAP Preferences

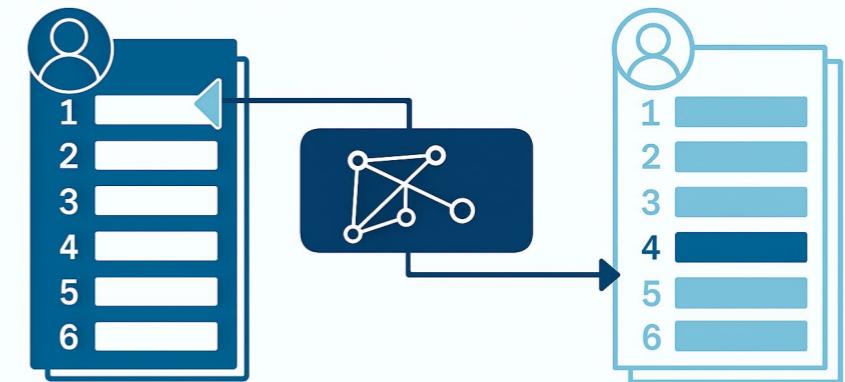
1. *Medical schools will not have access to the rank order lists of any applicant.*
2. *Applicants have a right to keep their rank order lists and SOAP preferences confidential.*
3. *However, applicants may voluntarily share their rank order lists or SOAP preferences with their medical school advisor.*
4. *The medical school may not request, require, or otherwise pressure, persuade, or coerce an applicant to disclose their rank order lists or SOAP preferences.*
5. *The medical school may offer to review rank order lists or the applicant's SOAP preferences to support the applicant in the matching process.*

The Matching Algorithm

The algorithm is applicant proposing - the process begins with an attempt to match an applicant to the program ranked #1 by that applicant

A tentative Match occurs if the program also ranked the applicant and:

- the program has unfilled positions **or**
- the program is filled **but** the applicant is ranked higher than another applicant already matched tentatively to the program



How the Algorithm Works



How the NRMP Matching Algorithm Works

The Matching Algorithm (cont.)

There is NO match if:

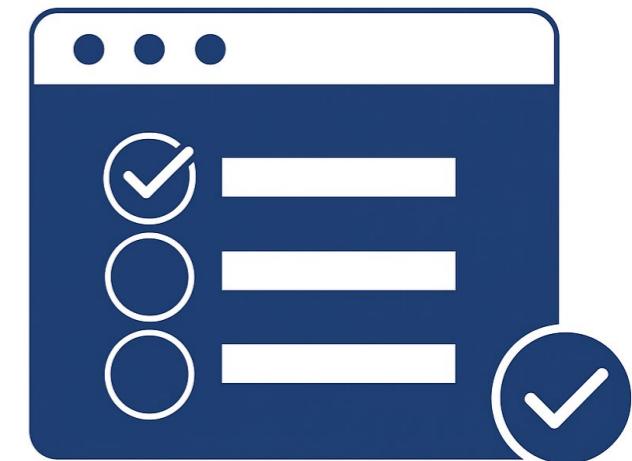
- the applicant did not rank the program, OR
- the program did not rank the applicant, OR
- the program and applicant ranked each other BUT the program filled with other applicants more preferred by the program

Matches are FINAL when:

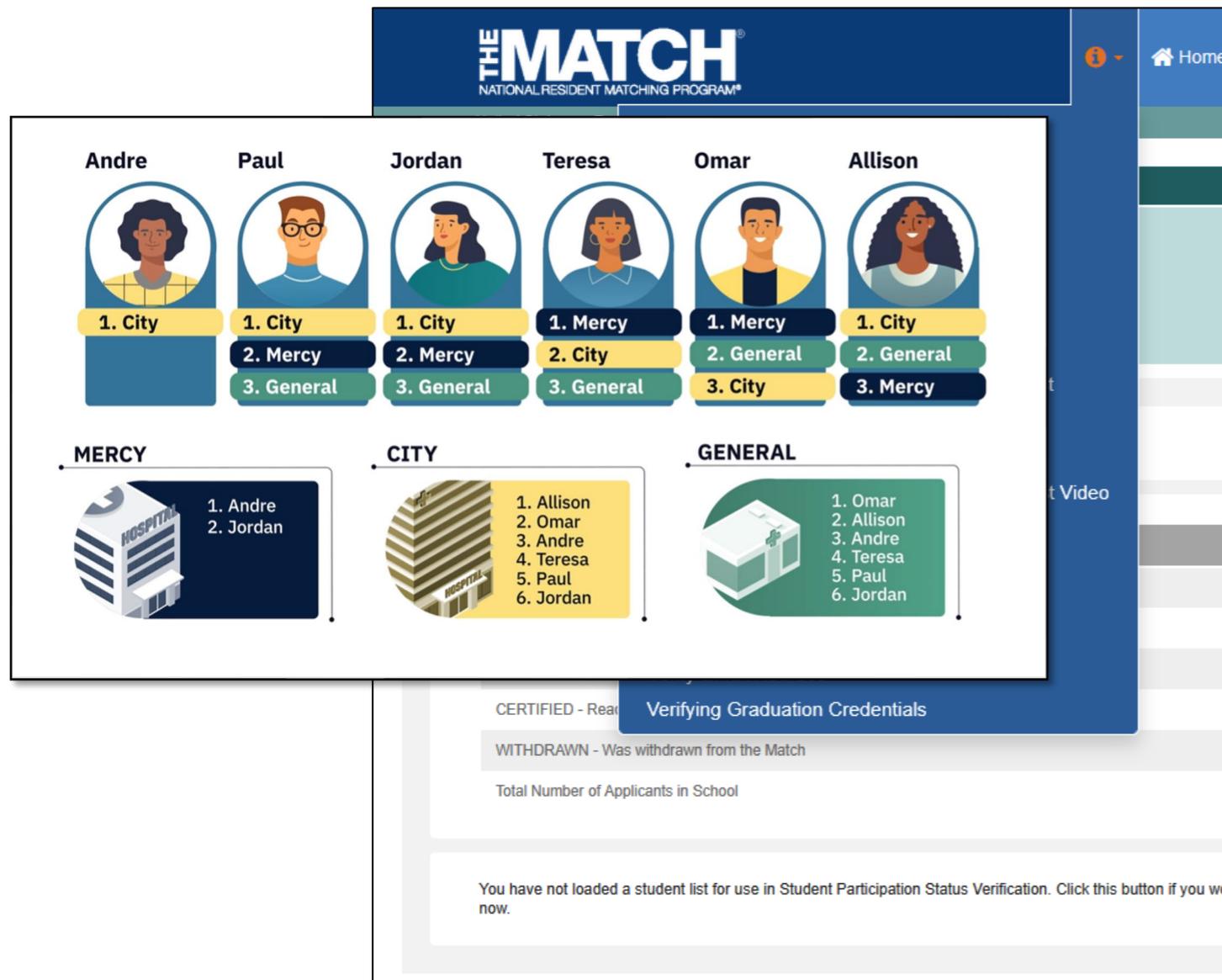
- the algorithm completes its cycle through all applicant rank order lists and tentative matches are confirmed

Couples match when:

- the algorithm can place BOTH partners in their highest ranked pair of programs on the primary list



Support Guides & Video Resources

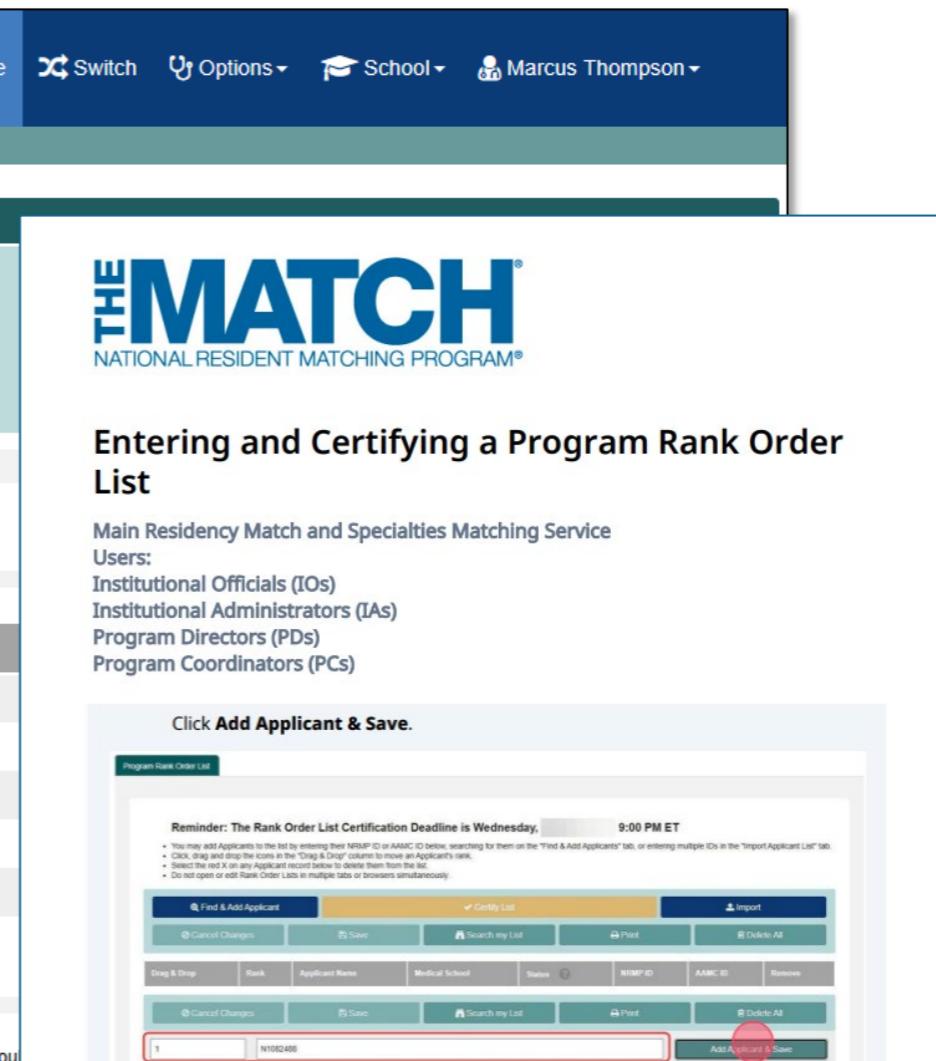


The screenshot shows the NRMP Match interface with the following data:

- MERCY Program Rank Order List:**
 - 1. Andre
 - 2. Jordan
- CITY Program Rank Order List:**
 - 1. Allison
 - 2. Omar
 - 3. Andre
 - 4. Teresa
 - 5. Paul
 - 6. Jordan
- GENERAL Program Rank Order List:**
 - 1. Omar
 - 2. Allison
 - 3. Andre
 - 4. Teresa
 - 5. Paul
 - 6. Jordan

Below the rank order lists, there are status indicators and buttons:

- CERTIFIED - Ready to Match**
- Verifying Graduation Credentials** (highlighted in blue)
- WITHDRAWN - Was withdrawn from the Match**
- Total Number of Applicants in School**
- You have not loaded a student list for use in Student Participation Status Verification. Click this button if you would like to do so now.**



Entering and Certifying a Program Rank Order List

Main Residency Match and Specialties Matching Service Users:

- Institutional Officials (IOs)
- Institutional Administrators (IAs)
- Program Directors (PDs)
- Program Coordinators (PCs)

Reminder: The Rank Order List Certification Deadline is Wednesday, 9:00 PM ET

Click **Add Applicant & Save**.

The screenshot shows a screenshot of the 'Program Rank Order List' page with the following details:

- Find & Add Applicant** button is highlighted with a red circle.
- Certify List** button is highlighted with a red circle.
- Import** button is highlighted with a red circle.
- Drag & Drop** column is highlighted with a red circle.
- Applicant Name** column is highlighted with a red circle.
- Medical School** column is highlighted with a red circle.
- Status** column is highlighted with a red circle.
- NRMP ID** column is highlighted with a red circle.
- AAMC ID** column is highlighted with a red circle.
- Remove** button is highlighted with a red circle.
- Cancel Changes** button is highlighted with a red circle.
- Save** button is highlighted with a red circle.
- Search my List** button is highlighted with a red circle.
- Print** button is highlighted with a red circle.
- Delete All** button is highlighted with a red circle.
- Add Applicant & Save** button is highlighted with a red circle.

Data Resources

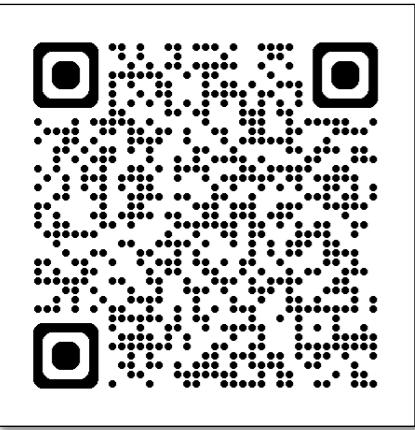
- *Charting Outcomes™: Characteristics of Applicants Who Match to Their Preferred Specialty* – will now be produced every year
- *Charting Outcomes™: Applicant Survey Results, 2025 Main Residency Match®*
- *Results and Data: 2025 Main Residency Match®*



Policy Resources for Medical Schools



Match Code of Conduct for Medical Schools



Home • Topic: Policies & Compliance

Help & Support

If you still have questions, our team is available to assist you. Contact us for additional support.

Support 866-653-NRMP **Policy** 202-400-2235 **Billing** 202-400-2238

HELP TOPICS

MATCH PARTICIPANTS

POLICIES & COMPLIANCE (circled)

All In Policy
Code of Conduct
Communication
Interviews
Match Participant Agreement
Violations
Waivers

MAIN RESIDENCY MATCH APPLICANTS | MEDICAL SCHOOLS

Can Our Three-Year Medical Education Pathway Program Inform Students That They Will Have A "Direct Progression" To A Residency Specialty Once They Complete The Three-Year Medical Education Program?

Applicants, schools, and Match-participating residency training programs may not enter into verbal or written agreements with students for positions outside of the Match. "Direct progression" implies that the school and program

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January 16, 2026
Video: Policy Highlights for Medical School Officials

January 6, 2026
Policy Corner: Complete, Timely, and Accurate Information

October 21, 2025
Policy Tips and Reminders for Match Participants

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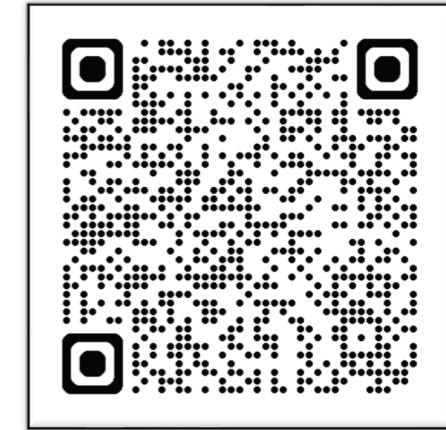


Email

policy@nrmp.org



Policy Tips/Reminders What Medical Schools Need to Know



Website

www.nrmp.org/policies

Calendars and Web Resources

- Match Calendars: general and detailed versions outlining Match milestones and deadlines
www.nrmp.org/match-calendars
- Match Checklists, Support Guides, and FAQs: important deadlines, reminders, frequently asked questions, and step-by-step instructions
www.nrmp.org/help
- Medical Schools: information about managing applicants, verifying graduation, SOAP, and Match Week
www.nrmp.org/medical-schools



Joint Navigating Match Week and SOAP for Medical Schools Webinar

Registration information coming soon

**Tuesday, February 24
1:00 pm, ET**



Questions?

Enter your questions into the Q & A box

THANK YOU and Good Luck to You and Your Students in the Match!



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