



Ranking in the Main Residency Match

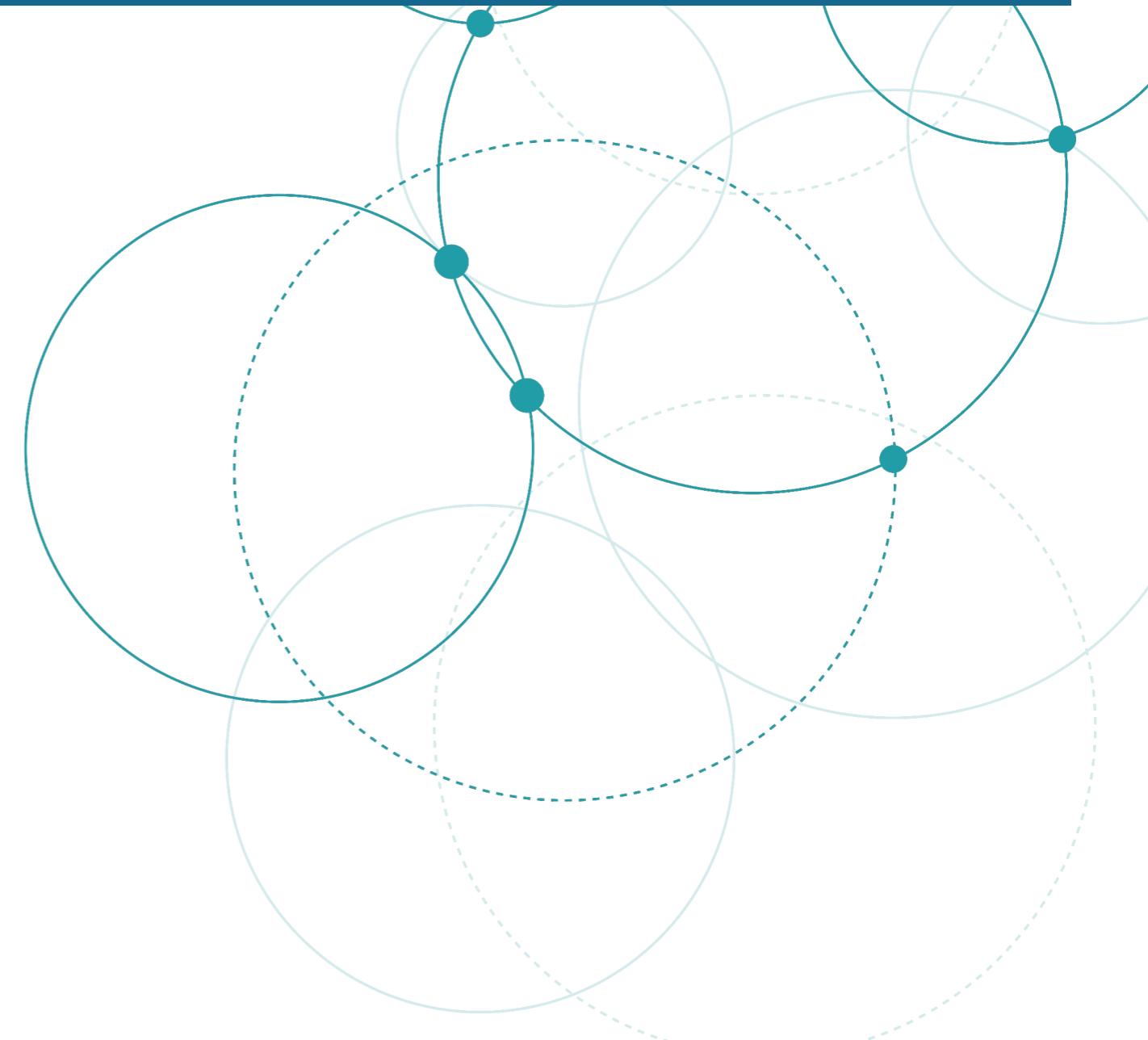
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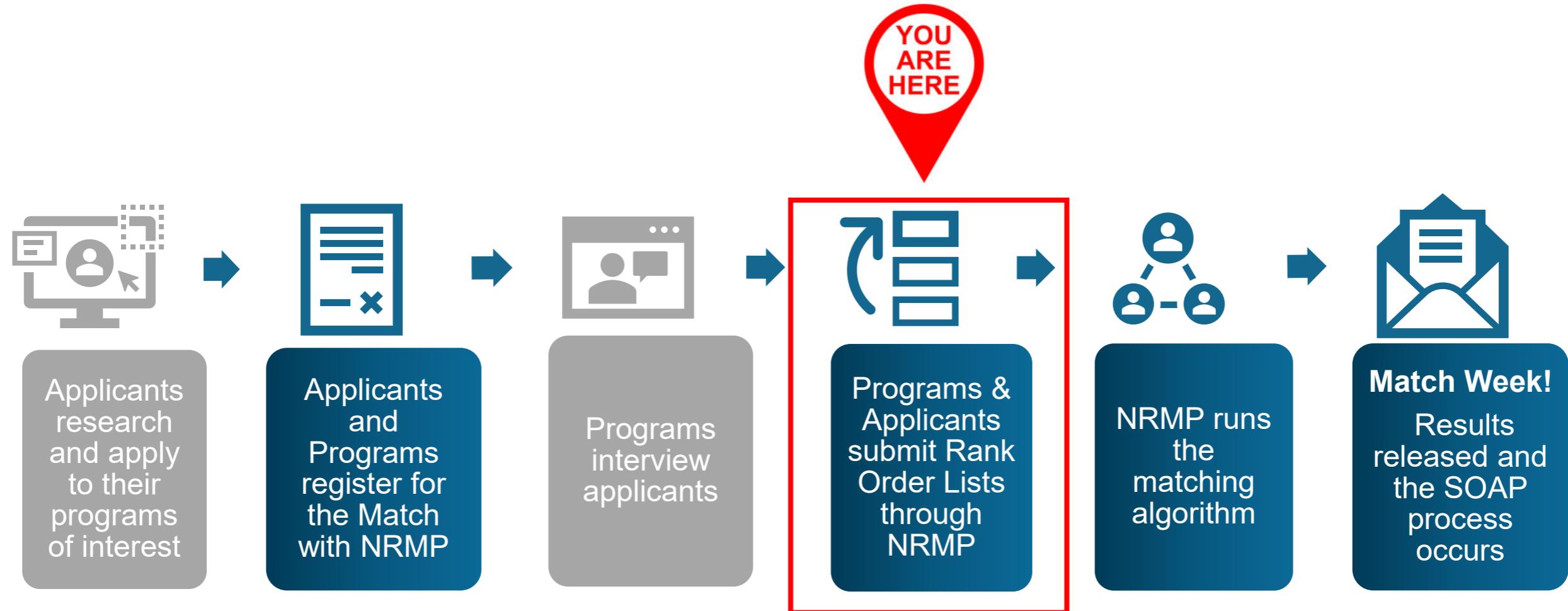
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The Application and Matching Process





Match Dates and Deadlines

Standard Registration Deadline

January 30 at 11:59 PM ET

\$50 additional fee for late registration after January 30 for the Match and SOAP

Ranking Opens

February 2 at 12:00 PM ET

for applicants and programs to begin entering lists in the NRMP's Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3®) system.

ROL Certification Deadline

March 4 by 9:00 PM ET.

ROL Certification deadline and last day to register or withdraw from the Match

Match Week and SOAP

March 16–20

SOAP begins March 16 and Match Day is on March 20 at 12:00 PM ET

Eligibility for the Match

Applicants must be verified as eligible to participate



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

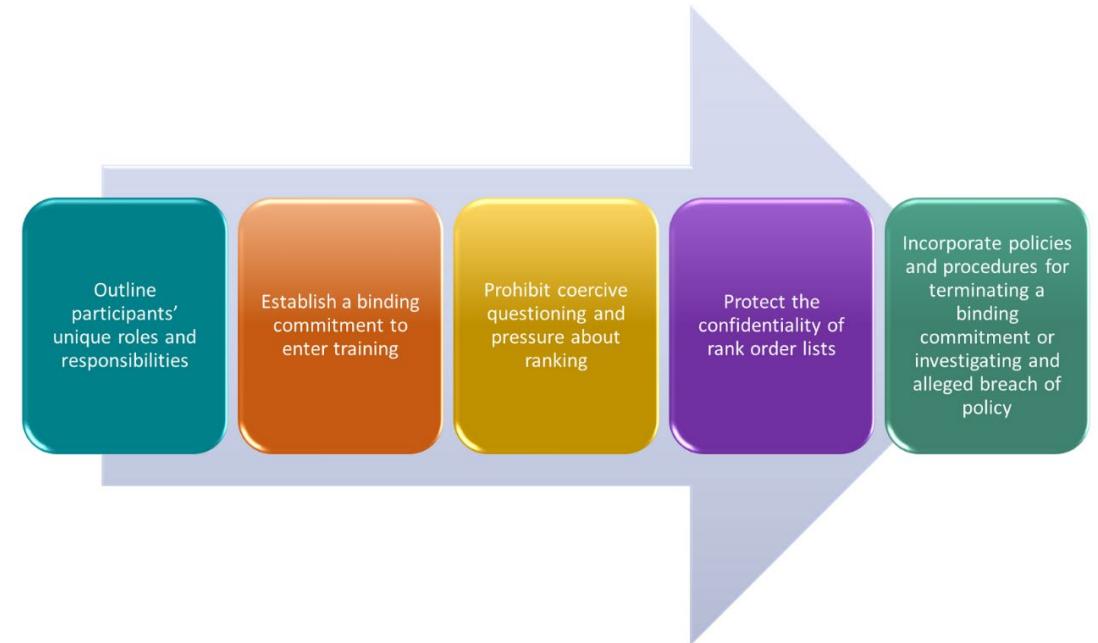
There is no separate SOAP registration.

To participate in the Match and SOAP, applicants must **register with NRMP**, **pay Match fees**, and be **verified as eligible to enter graduate medical education training 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)
- Medical Schools began verifying their medical students and graduates on February 2, when ranking opened
- Each sponsoring institution (e.g., a teaching hospital) and program will have additional eligibility requirements

Why Policy Matters

- NRMP policies promote a fair and equitable Match experience
- Participants can consider all options before making commitments
- Participants are prohibited from engaging in coercive or unwarranted pressure
- An impartial venue exists for matching participants' preferences
- Participants are held accountable for ethical and professionally responsible behavior



Match Policy-Accurate Information

Section 6.3 Complete, Timely and Accurate Information

Applicants are responsible for ensuring the completeness, timeliness, and accuracy of all information provided to programs. This includes:

- *All written, electronic, and verbal information provided to the medical school and representatives of the medical School;*
- *All information entered on the application either through the Electronic Residency Application Services (“ERAS”) or other application process or service;*
- *All information provided to agencies and organizations that provide visa services and ECFMG certification;*
- *All Written, electronic, and verbal information provided to the programs and program representatives throughout the recruitment, the onboarding cycle, and the 45th day following the appointment start date; and*
- *All written, electronic, and verbal information provided to the NRMP.*

Applicants who submit incomplete, misleading, false, or plagiarized information may be deemed to have violated this Agreement.

Match Policy-Submission or Rank Order Lists

Section 7.2 Submission or Rank Order Lists

Applicants have a right to be free of persuasion and should report to the NRMP any violations of these rights. Programs are not authorized to:

To participate in the Match, applicants must enter and certify their final rank order list in the R3 system before the Rank Order List Certification Deadline. Certification of the rank order list will confirm the applicant's full participation in the Match and agreement to:

- *Adhere to the binding commitment to accept an appointment if a match result(s); and.*
- *Start training in good faith (i.e., with the intent to complete training) on the date specified in the appointment agreement.*
- *Non-U.S. citizen applicants requiring a visa are responsible for confirming the institution's willingness to sponsor the visa-type intended by the applicant before certifying their rank order list*

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!

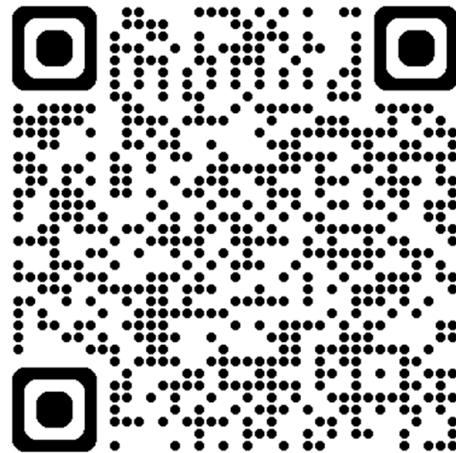
Match Binding Commitment

Section 10.0 Binding Commitment

Upon conclusion of the Match and SOAP, matched applicants:

1. Are in a binding commitment with the program and must accept an appointment as matched or offered:
 - a) Applicants with a Match or SOAP commitment who seek a concurrent year position, absent a waiver or deferral from the NRMP, shall be presumed to have violated this Agreement.
2. Must begin training on the start date specified in the appointment contract with the intent to complete the program:
 - a) The binding commitment will be deemed to have been honored by the applicant so long as the applicant enters and remains in the training program through the first 45 calendar days after the start date of the relevant appointment contract
 - b) The binding commitment exists through the first 45 calendar days of the start date of the relevant appointment contract.
 - c) Programs terminating a resident within 45 days of the start date specified in the appointment agreement, without having an approved waiver or deferral from the NRMP, will be in violation of this Agreement
 - d) Applicants who give notice of resignation, resign, or vacate a position within 45 days of the start date specified in the appointment agreement, without having an approved waiver or deferral from the NRMP, will be in violation of this Agreement.

Policy Resources for Applicants



Match Code of Conduct: Applicants

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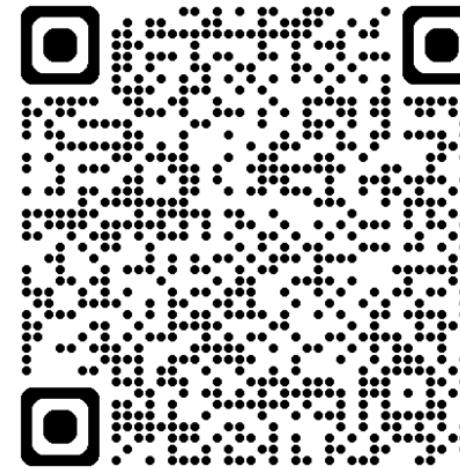
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Applicants

APPLICANTS

Policy Highlights – Applicants

Applicants are responsible for the entire Match Participation Agreement, but the bullets below highlight key parts of the Agreement (and where to find them in the Agreement) that can make it easier to navigate the Match and Match policies.



Policy Tips/Reminders What Applicants Need to Know



Email

policy@nrmp.org



Website

www.nrmp.org/policies

Types of Programs in the Match

Categorical	C	Training that is 3-7 years in length, begins in the PGY-1 year, and leads to specialty board certification.
Primary Care Categorical	M	Categorical programs in primary care offered by some <u>Internal Medicine</u> and <u>Pediatrics</u> programs.
Preliminary	P	Training that is one year in length in transitional, medicine, surgery, or other specialty programs and provides the prerequisite training for advanced programs.
Advanced	A	Training that is 3-4 years in length in specialty programs that begin after one or more years of preliminary training. Advanced positions in the 2026 Match are PGY-2 positions that begin in 2027.
Reserved-Physician	R	Training in specialty programs reserved for physicians with prior graduate medical education and who can enter advanced training in the year of the Match. Reserved-Physician positions in the 2026 Match are PGY-2 positions that begin in 2026.

Program Codes

Every program has a unique 9-11-character code:

- Characters 1-4: the institution code
- Characters 5-7: the ACGME specialty code
- Character 8: program type letter
- Character 9-11: track number

Ex: 1000400C0



Codes can be found in the R3 or public Program Directory. Programs also should provide the NRMP program code to assist you in ranking.

The Rank Order List (ROL)

Your list of programs, ranked in order of preference, where you wish to train

ROLs are created and certified electronically in the NRMP Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3®) system

Can be a mix of specialties, program types, geographic location

- Based on your preferences

Rank only programs where you are eligible and willing to train

- Putting a program on your ROL creates a binding commitment if a match occurs

Many programs have multiple program types and tracks

- Ensure you are ranking the correct track(s)

Can include up to 20 unique program codes on the primary ROL and up to 20 unique program codes on all supplemental ROLs combined before extra fees apply

- Extra fees are due at certification and are not refundable

Primary vs. Supplemental ROL

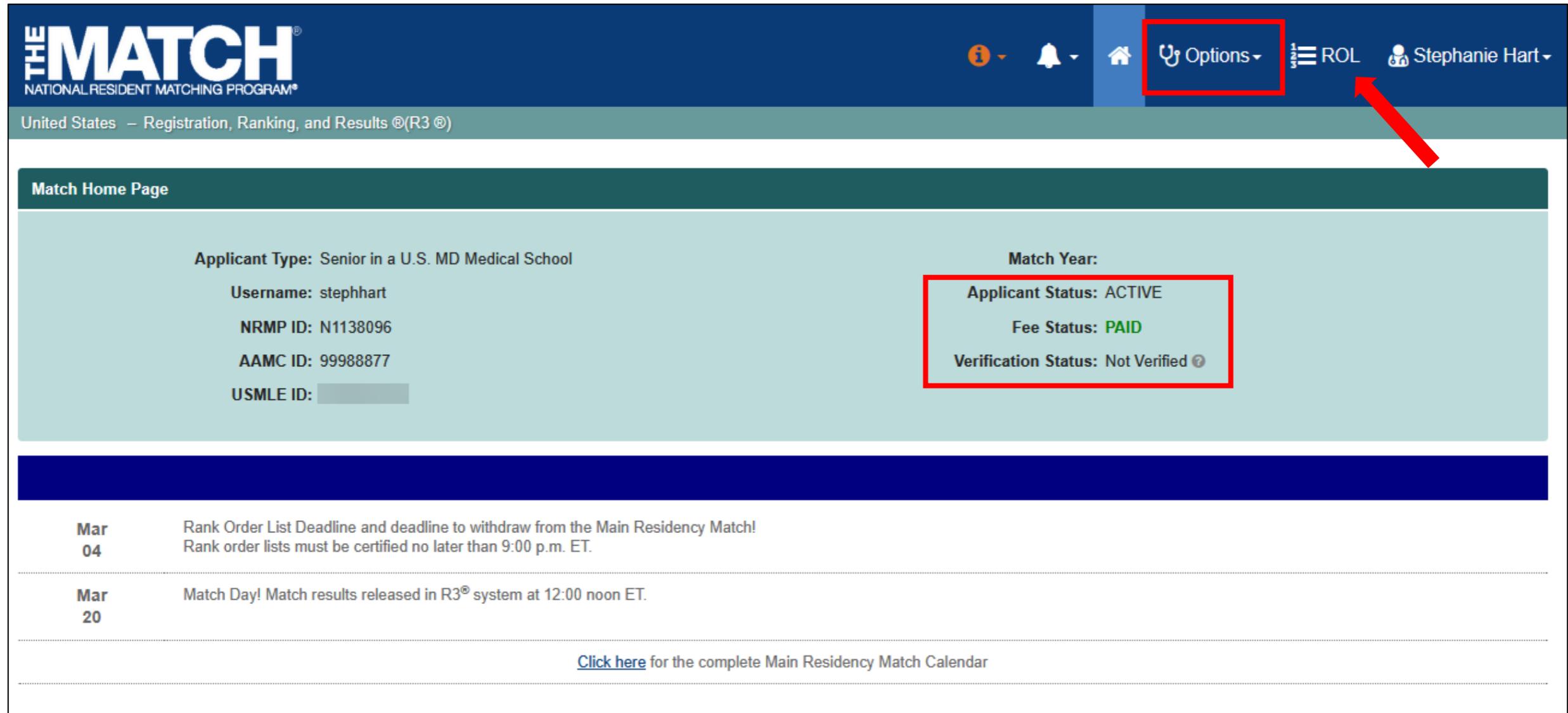
What is a
Primary ROL?

- 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

Entering Your Rank Order List



The screenshot shows the Match Home Page. At the top, the NRMP logo is on the left, and the top navigation bar includes icons for information, notifications, home, options (which is highlighted with a red box and has a red arrow pointing to it), and a user profile for 'Stephanie Hart'. Below the top bar, the text 'United States – Registration, Ranking, and Results ®(R3 ®)' is displayed. The main content area is titled 'Match Home Page' and contains applicant information: 'Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. MD Medical School', 'Username: stephhart', 'NRMP ID: N1138096', 'AAMC ID: 99988877', and 'USMLE ID: [redacted]'. To the right, it shows 'Match Year:' and a box containing 'Applicant Status: ACTIVE', 'Fee Status: PAID', and 'Verification Status: Not Verified ⓘ'. At the bottom, a dark blue bar displays two key dates: 'Mar 04' (Rank Order List Deadline) and 'Mar 20' (Match Day). A link at the bottom says 'Click here for the complete Main Residency Match Calendar'.

Match Home Page

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

Username: stephhart

NRMP ID: N1138096

AAMC ID: 99988877

USMLE ID: [redacted]

Match Year:

Applicant Status: ACTIVE

Fee Status: PAID

Verification Status: Not Verified ⓘ

Mar 04 Rank Order List Deadline and deadline to withdraw from the Main Residency Match!
Rank order lists must be certified no later than 9:00 p.m. ET.

Mar 20 Match Day! Match results released in R3® system at 12:00 noon ET.

[Click here](#) for the complete Main Residency Match Calendar

Entering Your Rank Order List

The screenshot shows the THE MATCH National Resident Matching Program website interface. The top navigation bar includes links for information, notifications, home, options, and a user profile for 'Stephanie Hart'. The main title is 'United States – Registration, Ranking, and Results ®(R3 ®) – 2026 Main Residency Match'. The 'Applicant Rank Order List' section displays applicant details: 'Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. MD Medical School', 'Match Year: 2026', 'Username: stephhart', 'NRMP ID: N1138096', 'AAMC ID: 99988877', 'USMLE ID: [redacted]', 'Applicant Status: ACTIVE', 'Fee Status: PAID', and 'Verification Status: Not Verified'. Below this is the 'Primary Rank Order List' section, which includes a reminder: 'Reminder: The Rank Order List Certification Deadline is Wednesday, March 4 9:00 PM ET'. The reminder text lists instructions for adding programs, dragging and dropping, and deleting them. Below the reminder are two rows of program entry fields. The first row includes buttons for 'Find & Add Program' (highlighted with a red box), 'Certify List', and 'Import' (also highlighted with a red box). The second row includes buttons for 'Cancel Changes', 'Save', 'Search my List', 'Print', and 'Delete All'. The third row includes fields for 'Drag & Drop', 'Prim ROL Rank', 'Institution & Program Description', 'Suppl ROL', 'Status', 'NRMP Program Code', 'ACGME Program Code', and 'Remove'. The bottom row includes buttons for 'Cancel Changes', 'Save', 'Search my List', 'Print', and 'Delete All'. The final row shows a list entry with the number '1' and the program code '1918140C0' (highlighted with a red box), followed by a 'Add Program & Save' button (also highlighted with a red box).

✓ ROL saved successfully.

Applicant Rank Order List

Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. MD Medical School
Username: stephhart
NRMP ID: N1138096
AAMC ID: 99988877
USMLE ID: [REDACTED]

Match Year:
Applicant Status: **RANKING**
Fee Status: **PAID**
Verification Status: Not Verified ?

Primary Rank Order List

Reminder: The Rank Order List Certification Deadline is Wednesday, March 4, 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.

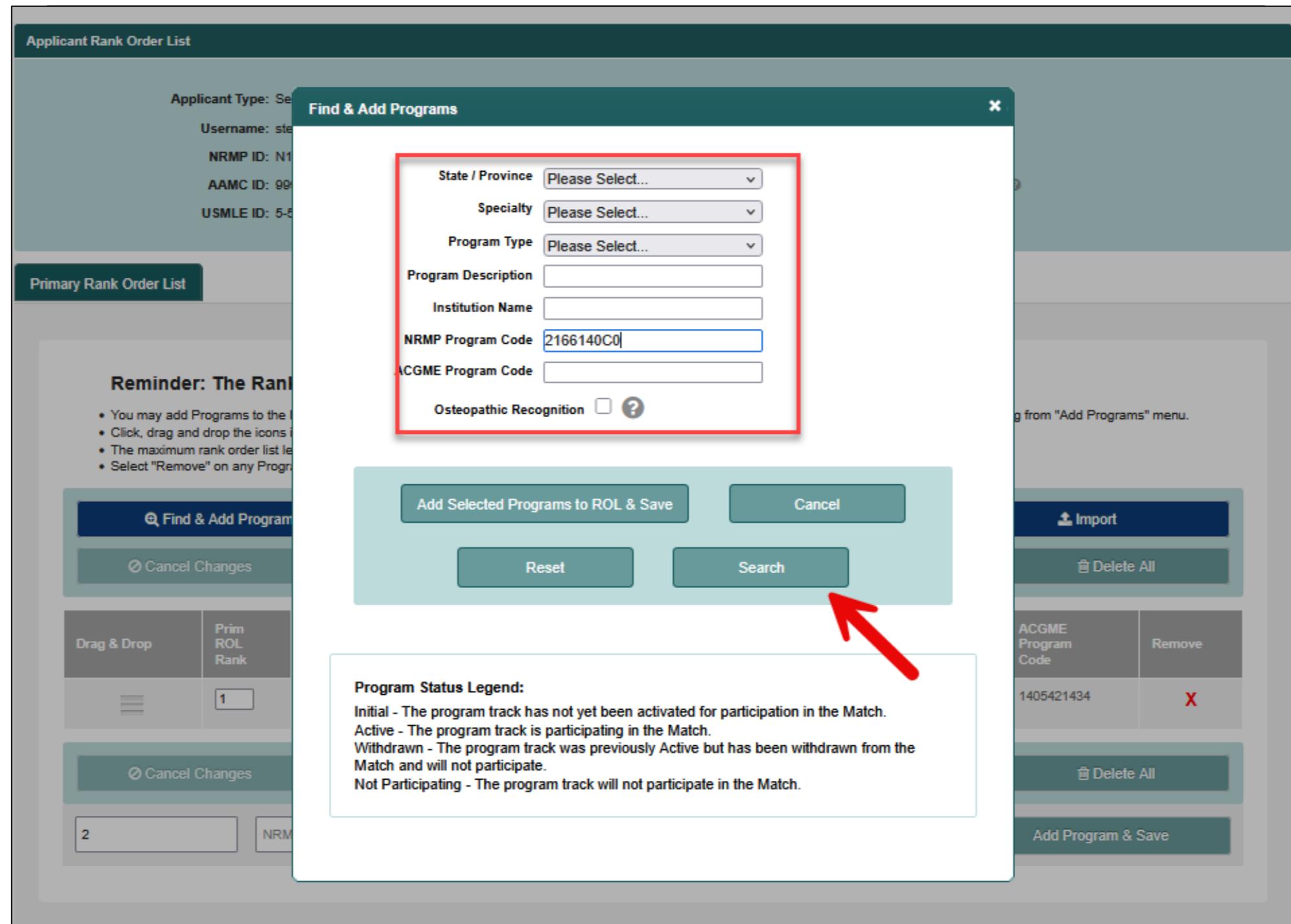
Drag & Drop	Prim ROL Rank	Institution & Program Description	Suppl ROL	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code	Remove
	1	Univ of the Northwest-WA - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1918140C0	1405421434	
2		NRMP Program Code					

Find & Add Program Certify List Import

Cancel Changes Save Search my List Print Delete All

Cancel Changes Save Search my List Print Delete All

Add Program & Save



Find & Add Programs

State / Province: Please Select...
 Specialty: Please Select...
 Program Type: Please Select...
 Program Description:
 Institution Name:
 NRMP Program Code: 2166140C0
 ACGME Program Code:
 Osteopathic Recognition:

There were 1 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"/>	Northwest Regional-WA - Internal Medicine	Seattle, WA	ACTIVE	2166140C0	1409000000

1 to 1 of 1 rows

< First | < Prev | Next > | Last >

Show 5 Results per Page

Add Selected Programs to ROL & Save | Cancel | Reset | Search

Program Status Legend:

- Initial - The program track has not yet been activated for participation in the Match.
- Active - The program track is participating in the Match.
- Withdrawn - The program track was previously Active but has been withdrawn from the Match and will not participate.
- Not Participating - The program track will not participate in the Match.

Voluntary Rank Order List (ROL) Lock Status

This program is participating in the ROL Lock

The ROL for this program has been locked and will not be changed.

Import | Delete All | ACGME Program Code: 1405421434 | Remove | Delete All | Add Program & Save

Find & Add Programs

State / Province: Please Select...
Specialty: Please Select...
Program Type: Please Select...
Program Description:

Program Details

Institution

Name: Northwest Regional-WA
Code: 2166
Address: 100 maple street
Suite 710
Seattle, WA 98100
URL: <http://www.ngmccgme.org/>

Program

Name: Internal Medicine
NRMP Code: 2166140C0
ACGME Code: 1409999999
Address: 100 maple street
Suite 710
Seattle, WA 98100
Type: Categorical
Director: Helen Embrey
Email: nrmpamu+internalmedicinecoordinator_.com@gmail.com
Phone: (555) 555-5555
Fax: (555) 555-5555
URL: <https://www.gme.org/programs/internal-medicine/>

Main Match Application Service(s): Electronic Residency Application Service® (ERAS®)

SOAP® Application Service(s): Electronic Residency Application Service® (ERAS®)

Close

Match and will not participate.
Not Participating - The program track will not participate in the Match.

Voluntary Rank Order List (ROL) Lock Status
This program is participating in the [ROL Lock](#)
The ROL for this program has been locked and will not be changed.

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Applicant Rank Order List

Applicant Type: Selected

Username: stephaniehart

NRMP ID: N1

AAMC ID: 9999999999

USMLE ID: 5-5555555555

Primary Rank Order List

Reminder: The Rank Order List

- You may add Programs to the list.
- Click, drag and drop the icons in the list.
- The maximum rank order list length is 10.
- Select "Remove" on any Program in the list to remove it.

Find & Add Program

Cancel Changes

Drag & Drop

Prim ROL Rank

1

Cancel Changes

2

NRMP ID

Find & Add Programs

State / Province Please Select... **Specialty** Please Select... **Program Type** Please Select... **Program Description** **Institution Name** **NRMP Program Code** 2166140C0 **ACGME Program Code**

Osteopathic Recognition [?](#)

There were 1 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"/>	 Northwest Regional-WA - Internal Medicine	Seattle, WA	ACTIVE	2166140C0	1409999999

1 to 1 of 1 rows

« First < Prev Next > Last »

Show 5 Results per Page

Add Selected Programs to ROL & Save **Cancel**

Reset Search

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Options **ROL**  Stephanie Hart

Import

Delete All

ACGME Program Code 1405421434 **Remove** **X**

Delete All

Add Program & Save

Applicant Rank Order List

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

Username: stephhart

NRMP ID: N1138096

AAMC ID: 9998877

USMLE ID: [REDACTED]

Match Year:

Applicant Status: **RANKING**

Fee Status: **PAID**

Verification Status: Not Verified ?

Primary Rank Order List

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- The maximum rank order list length is 300 ranks.
- Select "Remove" on any Program record below to delete it from the list.

Find & Add Program **Certify List** **Import**

Cancel Changes **Save** **Search my List** **Print** **Delete All**

Drag & Drop	Prim ROL Rank	Institution & Program Description	Suppl ROL	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code	Remove
1	1	Univ of the Northwest-WA - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1918140C0	1405421434	X
2	2	Northwest Regional-WA - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	2166140C0	1409999999	X

Cancel Changes **Save** **Search my List** **Print** **Delete All**

3 **NRMP Program Code** **Add Program & Save**

Voluntary Rank Order List (ROL) Lock Status

This program is participating in the [ROL Lock](#)

The ROL for this program has been locked and will not be changed.



The screenshot shows the THE MATCH National Resident Matching Program website. The user is on the 'Applicant Rank Order List' page. A modal dialog box titled 'Import Program List' is open. The dialog contains instructions for importing programs, an example of program codes (4433101C0, 4233101A1, 4244120P0), and a 'File Contents:' section with a list of program codes: 1918140C0, 2166140C0, 1700140C0, 1490140C0, 1490140C2, and 1490140C1. A red arrow points to the 'Upload Programs & Save List' button at the bottom of the dialog. The background page shows the user's profile information (Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. MD Medical School, Match Year: 2026 Main Residency Match) and the 'Primary Rank Order List' section.

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

Match Year:

Import Program List

In addition to entering programs on your rank order list one by one, you can import your programs onto your primary rank order list. Programs cannot be imported onto a supplemental rank order list. The NRMP Program Code MUST be the only element that is imported and only one rank per line is permitted. The programs will be imported in the order in which they are listed. If you have already started a rank order list, importing your list will delete all existing programs on your rank order list. You can copy and paste the list from another application such as Microsoft Word, Excel, or Notepad. After you have entered your data, click <Upload Programs and Save List>.

Example:

4433101C0
4233101A1
4244120P0

File Contents:

1918140C0
2166140C0
1700140C0
1490140C0
1490140C2
1490140C1

Import

Cancel

Upload Programs & Save List

ACGME Program Code

Remove

Cancel Changes

Save

Search my List

Print

Drag & Drop

Prim ROL Rank

Cancel Changes

NRMP Program Code

1

Add Program & Save

✓ ROL saved successfully.

Applicant Rank Order List

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

Match Year:

Username: stephhart

NRMP ID: N1138098

AAMC ID: 99988877

USMLE ID: [REDACTED]

Applicant Status: RANKING

Fee Status: PAID

Verification Status: Not Verified ⓘ

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- Select "Remove" on any Program record below to delete it from the list.

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1	1	Univ of the Northwest-WA - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1918140C0	1405421434	X
2	2	Northwest Regional-WA - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	2188140C0	1409999999	X
3	3	County Medical-NY - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1700140C0	1403521281	X
4	4	City Hospital-NY - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1490140C0	1403531288	X
5	5	City Hospital-NY - Internal Med/Comm Prim Care		ACTIVE	1490140C2	1403531288	X
6	6	City Hospital-NY - Internal Med/Research		ACTIVE	1490140C1	1403531288	X
7	7	Mid-Atlantic Univ Hosp-DC - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	2193140C0	1401021481	X
8	8	National Capital Univ-DC - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1800140C0	1401011097	X

Cancel Changes Save Search my List Print Delete All

Cancel Changes Save Search my List Print Delete All

Stephanie Hart

The Rank Order List has been updated and sorted.
To save your changes, click the "Save" button at the bottom of this page.

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Applicant Rank Order List

Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. MD Medical School Match Year:

Username: stephart Applicant Status: RANKING

NRMP ID: N1138096 Fee Status: PAID

AAMC ID: 99988877 Verification Status: Not Verified ⓘ

USMLE ID:

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- 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.

⚠ You have unsaved changes! Click "Save" to maintain the current rank order.

Drag & Drop	Prim ROL Rank	Institution & Program Description	Suppl ROL	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code	Remove
1	1	County Medical-NY - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1700140C0	1403521281	X
2	2	Univ of the Northwest-WA - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1918140C0	1405421434	X
3	3	Northwest Regional-WA - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	2166140C0	1409999999	X
4	4	City Hospital-NY - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1490140C0	1403531288	X
5	5	City Hospital-NY - Internal Med/Comm Prim Care		ACTIVE	1490140C2	1403531288	X
6	6	City Hospital-NY - Internal Med/Research		ACTIVE	1490140C1	1403531288	X
7	7	Mid-Atlantic Univ Hosp-DC - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	2193140C0	1401021461	X
8	8	National Capital Univ-DC - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1800140C0	1401011097	X

Applicant Rank Order List

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

Username: tknizner

NRMP ID: N1166632

AAMC ID: 15232748

USMLE ID: [REDACTED]

Match Year: [REDACTED]

Applicant Status: **RANKING**

Fee Status: **PAID**

Verification Status: Not Verified ⓘ

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	1	Univ of the Northwest-WA - Anesthesiology	(None) ▾	ACTIVE	1918040A0	0405421161	X
	2	Univ of the Northwest-WA - Anesthesiology/Clin Base Yr		ACTIVE	1918040C0	0405421161	X
	3	National Capital Univ-DC - Anesthesiology	(None) ▾	ACTIVE	1800040A0	0405555555	X
	4	County Medical-NY - Anesthesiology		ACTIVE	1700040C0	0403500182	X
	5	City Hospital-NY - Anesthesiology		ACTIVE	1490040C0	0403521104	X
6		NRMP Program Code					Add Program & Save

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- Select "Remove" on any Program record below to delete it from the list.

Find & Add Program **Certify List** **Import**

Cancel Changes **Save** **Search my List** **Print** **Delete All**

Drag & Drop	Prim ROL Rank	Institution & Program Description	Suppl ROL	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code	Remove
	1	Univ of the Northwest-WA - Anesthesiology	(None) <input type="button" value="▼"/>	ACTIVE	1918040A0	0405421161	X
	2	Univ of the Northwest-WA - Anesthesiology/Clin Base Yr	(None) <input type="button" value="▼"/> (Add New...)	ACTIVE	1918040C0	0405421161	X
	3	National Capital Univ-DC - Anesthesiology	(None) <input type="button" value="▼"/>	ACTIVE	1800040A0	0405555555	X
	4	County Medical-NY - Anesthesiology		ACTIVE	1700040C0	0403500182	X
	5	City Hospital-NY - Anesthesiology		ACTIVE	1490040C0	0403521104	X

Cancel Changes **Save** **Search my List** **Print** **Delete All**

NRMP Program Code

Primary Rank Order List **Supplemental ROLs**

Rank Order List shown below: A-Supplemental ROL

- 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" popup 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.
- The maximum rank order list length is 300 ranks.
- 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.

A- **Supplemental ROL** **Update ▶**

Find & Add Program 

Drag & Drop	Rank	Institution & Program Description	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code	Remove
<input type="button" value="Cancel Changes"/>	<input type="button" value="Save"/>	<input type="button" value="Print"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete All"/>			
1	NRMP Program Code					<input type="button" value="Add Program & Save"/>

Primary Rank Order List Supplemental ROLs

Rank Order List shown below: A-Seattle

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- Select "Remove" on any Preliminary Program record below to delete it from this list.
- The maximum rank order list length is 300 ranks.
- 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.

A- Seattle

Update ▶

Find & Add Program

Cancel Changes Save Print Delete All

Drag & Drop	Rank	Institution & Program Description	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code	Remove
≡	1	Univ of the Northwest-WA - Surgery-Preliminary/1 yr	ACTIVE	1918440P3	4405421348	X
≡	2	Northwest Regional-WA - Surgery-Preliminary	ACTIVE	2166440P0	4401200399	X

Cancel Changes Save Print Delete All

3 NRMP Program Code Add Program & Save

Primary Rank Order List **Supplemental ROLs**

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- 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.

Find & Add Program **Certify List** **Import**

Cancel Changes **Save** **Search my List** **Print** **Delete All**

Drag & Drop	Prim ROL Rank	Institution & Program Description	Suppl ROL	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code	Remove
	1	Univ of the Northwest-WA - Anesthesiology	A-Seattle	ACTIVE	1918040A0	0405421161	X
	2	Univ of the Northwest-WA - Anesthesiology/Clin Base Yr		ACTIVE	1918040C0	0405421161	X
	3	National Capital Univ-DC - Anesthesiology	B-DC	ACTIVE	1800040A0	0405555555	X
	4	County Medical-NY - Anesthesiology		ACTIVE	1700040C0	0403500182	X
	5	City Hospital-NY - Anesthesiology		ACTIVE	1490040C0	0403521104	X
	6	Northwest Regional-WA - Surgery-Preliminary		ACTIVE	2166440P0	4401200399	X

Cancel Changes **Save** **Search my List** **Print** **Delete All**

7 **NRMP Program Code** **Add Program & Save**

Couples Rank Order Lists

Coupling allows two applicants to link their rank order lists, usually for purposes of obtaining positions in the same geographic location

- ROLs form **pairs** of program choices
 - A couple will match to the most preferred pair of programs on their rank order lists where each partner has been offered a position
- Partners must have the same number of ranks and can submit no more than 300 ranks
- Option to rank a “No Match” code (999999999) at the bottom of the rank order list
- Check for duplicate pairs before certifying rank order lists



If applicants do not match as a couple, the algorithm does not process their ROLs separately to find a possible match for each individual.



Couple Resources & Support Guides

Primary Rank Order List Supplemental ROLs **View Partner's ROL** ROL Compare

Print Partner's List

Couple Partner: Marshall Eriksen - N0549358
Partner Primary ROL

Prim ROL Rank	Institution & Program Description	Suppl ROL	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code
1	Memphis Med Ctr-TN - Pediatrics		ACTIVE	1702320C0	3204721227
2	Secondary Test Institution-DC - Pediatrics		ACTIVE	1894320M0	3205698566
3	Secondary Test Institution-DC - Pediatrics		ACTIVE	1894320M0	3205698566
4	National Medical Center-Test-DC - Pediatrics		ACTIVE	1000320C0	3201111111
5	National Medical Center-Test-DC - Pediatrics		ACTIVE	1000320C0	3201111111
6	Roanoke Virginia Univ-VA - Pediatrics		ACTIVE	1748320C0	3205100427
7	West Tennessee Univ - TN - Pediatrics		ACTIVE	2066320C0	3204721381

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Primary Rank Order List Supplemental ROLs View Partner's ROL **ROL Compare**

The ROL Compare tab displays the most recently saved Primary Rank Order List for each partner. This view is for comparison only. If you and your partner are both actively updating your Rank Order List, refresh this page often to reflect the latest updates. Lists cannot be edited or certified in the Compare ROL tab. Please select the My Rank Order List tab to edit or certify your Rank Order List.

The matching algorithm takes into account only the Primary Rank Order List for a couple's paired ranks. Each partner's Primary Rank Order List must be the same length in order to be certified.

[Print ROL Comparison](#)

Dorothy Boyd - N0540114			Marshall Eriksen - N0549358		
Rank	Institution & Program Description	NRMP Program Code	Rank	Institution & Program Description	NRMP Program Code
1	Memphis Med Ctr-TN - Radiology-Diagnostic	1702420A0	1	Memphis Med Ctr-TN - Pediatrics	1702320C0
2	National Medical Center-Test-DC - Radiology-Diagnostic	1000420C0	2	Secondary Test Institution-DC - Pediatrics	1894320M0
3	Capitol University Hospital-DC - Radiology-Diagnostic	1802420A0	3	Secondary Test Institution-DC - Pediatrics	1894320M0
4	National Medical Center-Test-DC - Radiology-Diagnostic	1000420C0	4	National Medical Center-Test-DC - Pediatrics	1000320C0
5	Capitol University Hospital-DC - Radiology-Diagnostic	1802420A0	5	National Medical Center-Test-DC - Pediatrics	1000320C0
6	Roanoke Virginia Univ-VA - Radiology-Diagnostic	1748420A0	6	Roanoke Virginia Univ-VA - Pediatrics	1748320C0
7	Memphis Med Ctr-TN - Radiology-Diagnostic	1702420A0	7	West Tennessee Univ - TN - Pediatrics	2066320C0
8	West Tennessee Univ - TN - Radiology-Diagnostic	2066420C0	8	Memphis Med Ctr-TN - Pediatrics	1702320C0
9	Capitol University Hospital-DC - Radiology-Diagnostic	1802420A0	9	Capitol University Hospital-DC - Pediatrics	1802320C0
10	Northern VA Med School-VA - Radiology-Diagnostic	2980420A0	10	Secondary Test Institution-DC - Pediatrics	1894320M0
11	National Medical Center-Test-DC - Radiology-Diagnostic	1000420C0	11	Capitol University Hospital-DC - Pediatrics	1802320C0
12	West Tennessee Univ - TN - Radiology-Diagnostic	2066420A0	12	West Tennessee Univ - TN - Pediatrics	2066320C0
13	Roanoke Virginia Univ-VA - Radiology-Diagnostic	1748420A0	13	Roanoke Virginia Univ-VA - Pediatrics	1748320C0
14	Charlottesville University-VA - Radiology-Diagnostic	1737420A0	14	Roanoke Virginia Univ-VA - Pediatrics	1748320C0

Certifying your ROL

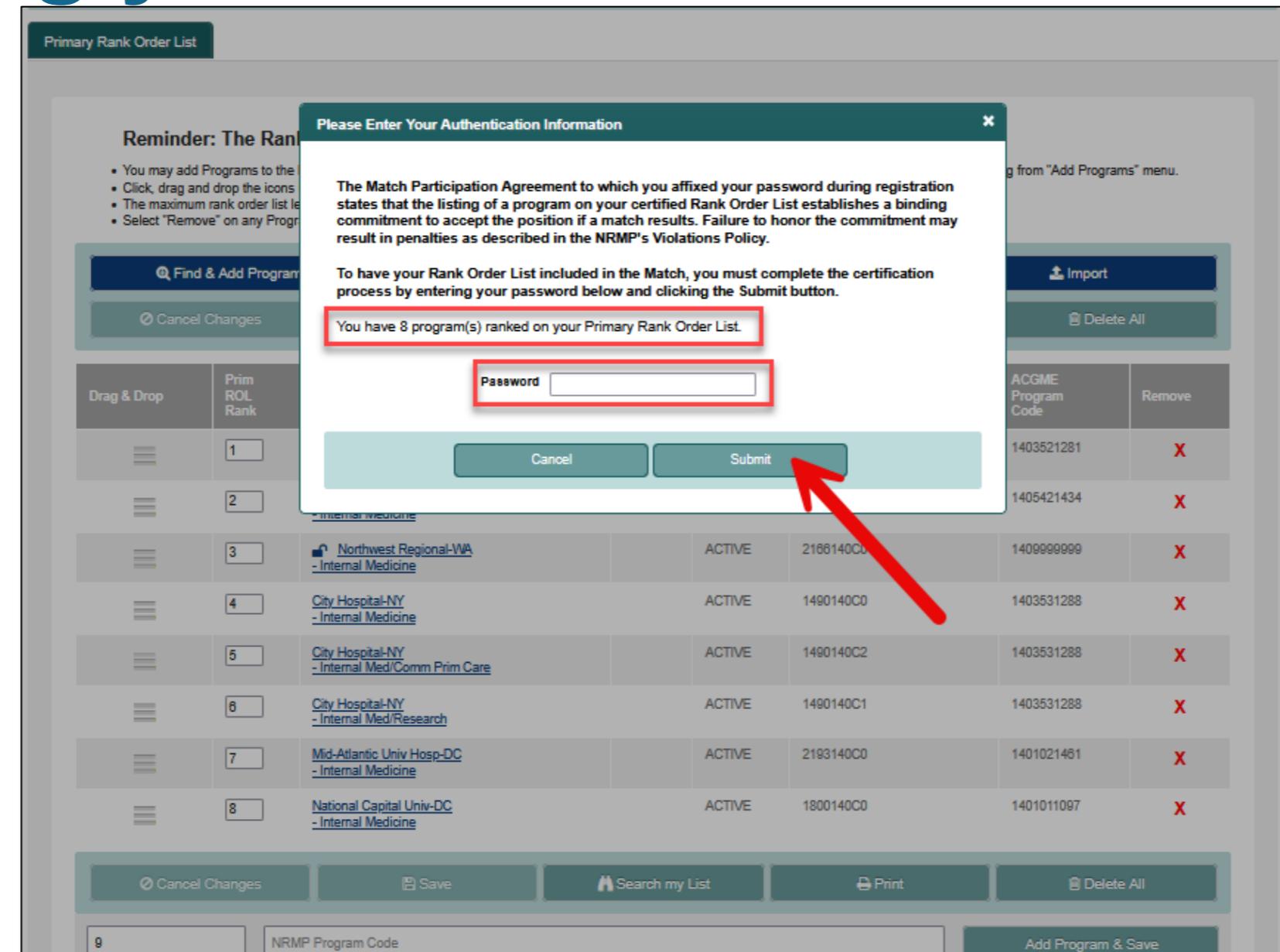
Primary Rank Order List

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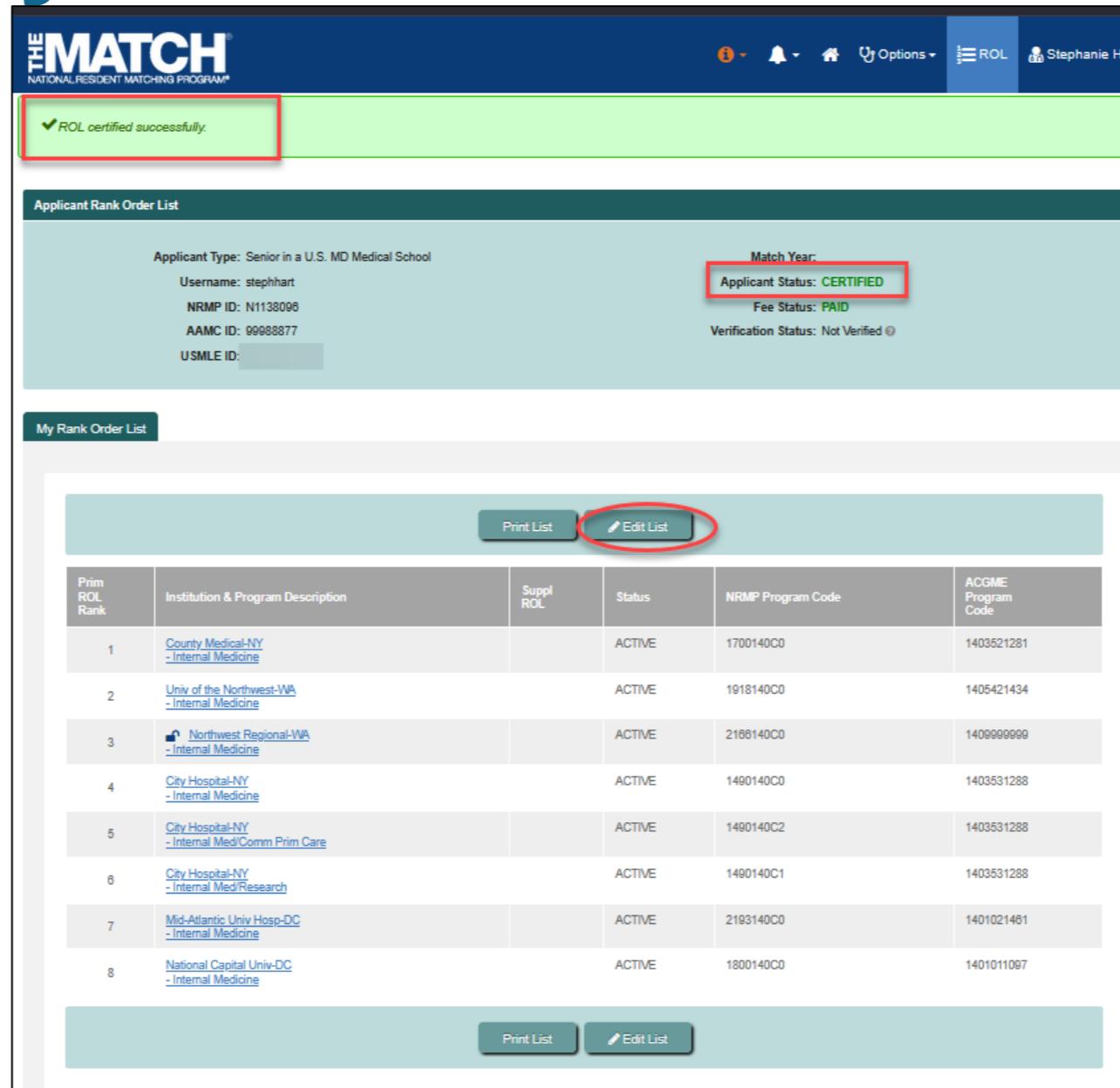
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- Select "Remove" on any Program record below to delete it from the list.

Drag & Drop	Prim ROL Rank	Institution & Program Description	Suppl ROL	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code	Remove
	1	County Medical-NY - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1700140C0	1403521281	
	2	Univ of the Northwest-WA - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1918140C0	1405421434	
	3	Northwest Regional-WA - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	2166140C0	1409999999	
	4	City Hospital-NY - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1490140C0	1403531288	
	5	City Hospital-NY - Internal Med/Comm Prim Care		ACTIVE	1490140C2	1403531288	
	6	City Hospital-NY - Internal Med/Research		ACTIVE	1490140C1	1403531288	
	7	Mid-Atlantic Univ Hosp-DC - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	2193140C0	1401021461	
	8	National Capital Univ-DC - Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1800140C0	1401011097	

Certifying your ROL



Certifying your ROL

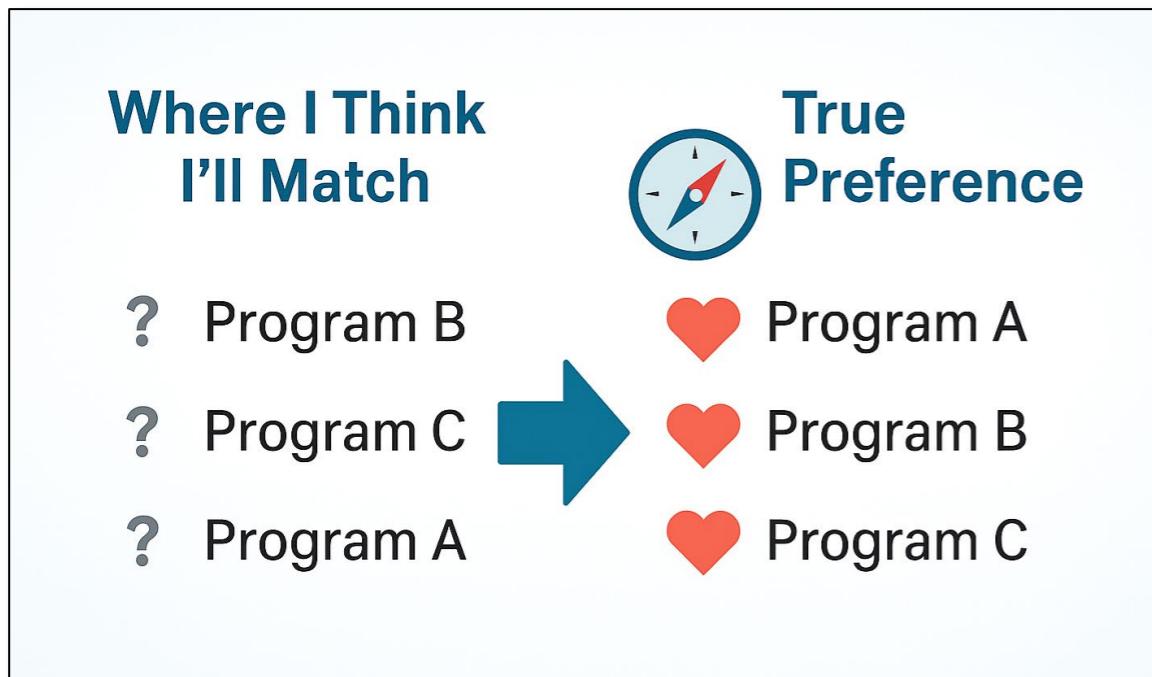


The screenshot shows the NRMP website interface. At the top, the 'THE MATCH' logo and 'NATIONAL RESIDENT MATCHING PROGRAM' are displayed. The top right corner shows user information: 'ROL' and 'Stephanie Hart'. The main content area has a green header bar with the text '✓ ROL certified successfully.' A red box highlights this message. Below the header, the 'Applicant Rank Order List' is shown. On the left, applicant details are listed: 'Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. MD Medical School', 'Username: stephhart', 'NRMP ID: N1138096', 'AAMC ID: 99998877', and 'USMLE ID:'. On the right, 'Match Year' is listed, along with 'Applicant Status: CERTIFIED' (highlighted with a red box), 'Fee Status: PAID', and 'Verification Status: Not Verified'. A 'My Rank Order List' button is visible. The main table lists eight rank order entries. The 'Edit List' button in the table header is highlighted with a red circle. The table columns are: Prim ROL Rank, Institution & Program Description, Suppl ROL, Status, NRMP Program Code, and ACGME Program Code. The entries are:

Prim ROL Rank	Institution & Program Description	Suppl ROL	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code
1	County Medical-NY -Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1700140C0	1403521281
2	Univ of the Northwest-WA -Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1918140C0	1405421434
3	Northwest Regional-WA -Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	2166140C0	1409999999
4	City Hospital-NY -Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1490140C0	1403531288
5	City Hospital-NY -Internal Med/Comm Prim Care		ACTIVE	1490140C2	1403531288
6	City Hospital-NY -Internal Med/Research		ACTIVE	1490140C1	1403531288
7	Mid-Atlantic Univ Hosp-DC -Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	2193140C0	1401021461
8	National Capital Univ-DC -Internal Medicine		ACTIVE	1800140C0	1401011097

Ranking Guidelines

Rank programs based on your true preference and not where you think you may match



- 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
- Don't wait until the last minute to enter your list
- **No changes after the deadline.** NRMP will not add, delete, move or in any way modify a ROL

Ranking Fees

The standard registration fee of \$70 includes the listing of up to 20 unique NRMP program codes on the primary rank order list **and** up to 20 unique NRMP codes on all supplemental rank order lists combined.

Extra Rank Fee: For each NRMP program code ranked over 20, extra rank fee of \$30 per program code, up to the maximum of 300 ranks

Length of Rank Order List Fee: For rank order lists with 100 or more ranks:

100-150 ranks: \$50

151-200 ranks: \$100

201-250 ranks: \$150

251-300 ranks: \$200

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

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- 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.

Find & Add Program **Certify List** **Import**

Cancel Changes **Save** **Search my List** **Print** **Delete All**

Drag & Drop	Prim ROL Rank	Institution & Program Description	Suppl ROL	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code	Remove
☰	1	 Health Center - Internal Medicine		CERTIFIED			
☰	2	 Health Center - Medicine-Preliminary		ACTIVE			

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

Cancel Changes **Save** **Search my List** **Print** **Delete All**

3 **NRMP Program Code** **Add Program & Save**

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

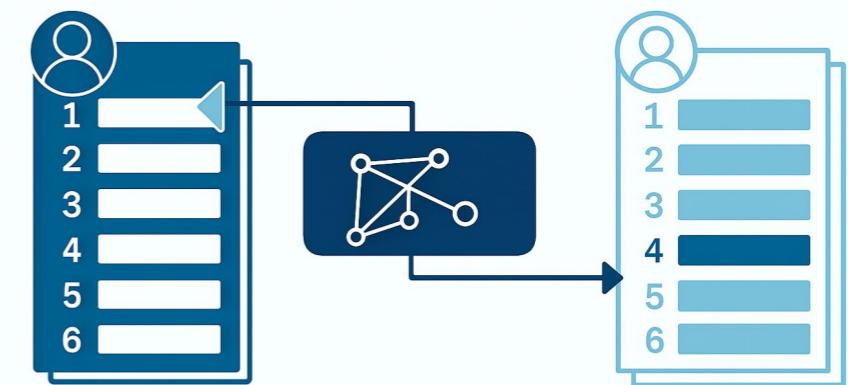
<https://www.nrmp.org/voluntary-program-rank-order-list-lock-pilot/>

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:

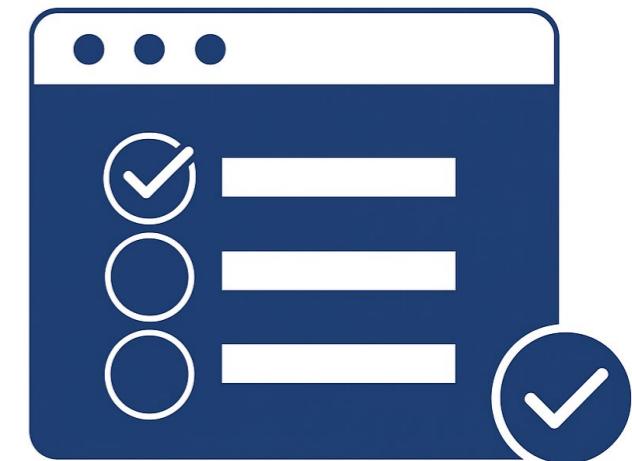
- the applicant did not rank the program, OR
- the program did not rank the applicant, OR
- the program and applicant ranked each other BUT the program filled with other applicants more preferred by the program

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



Ranking Wisdom

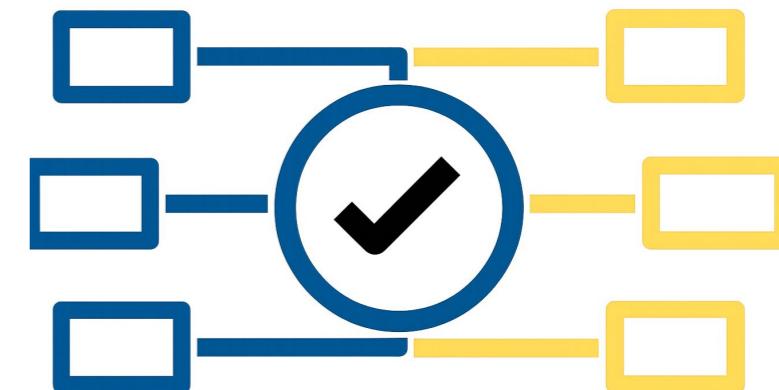
Check NRMP Program Code, program name, type, and info to ensure you are ranking the CORRECT program

Rank programs in the order of your true preference, based on the criteria most important to you

Rank only programs where you have interviewed and where you meet institution and program appointment requirements

Placing a program on your ROL creates a binding commitment if a match occurs

Do not wait until the last minute to edit or certify your list!



Remember!

The Rank Order List Certification Deadline and the deadline for 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 and electronically sign the Match Participation Agreement
- Pay all Match fees
- Enter and certify their rank order list by the deadline
- Be verified as eligible to enter GME by July 1



Am I All Set for the Match??

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United States – Registration, Ranking, and Results ®(R3 ®) – 2026 Main Residency Match

Match Home Page

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

Username: stephhart

NRMP ID: N1138096

AAMC ID: 99988877

USMLE ID: [REDACTED]



Match Year:

Applicant Status: **CERTIFIED**

Fee Status: **PAID**

Verification Status: **VERIFIED** ?

Mar 04 Rank Order List Deadline and deadline to withdraw from the Main Residency Match!
Rank order lists must be certified no later than 9:00 p.m. ET.

Mar 20 Match Day! Match results released in R3® system at 12:00 noon ET.

[Click here for the complete Main Residency Match Calendar](#)

Support Guides & Video Resources

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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)

Click **Add Applicant & Save**.

Program Rank Order List

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- You may add Applicants to the list by entering their NRMP ID or AACMC ID below, searching for them on the Find & Add Applicant button, or dragging and dropping the icons in the "Drag & Drop" column to move an Applicant's rank.
- Submitting the ROL on any Applicant's list will deactivate them from all other lists.
- Do not open or edit Rank Order Lists in multiple tabs or browsers simultaneously.

Find & Add Applicant Certify List

Cancel Changes Save Search my List

Drag & Drop Rank Applicant Name Medical School Status

Cancel Changes Save Search my List

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United States – Region

Match Home Page

My School

User

There are 0 Applicants

Status

INITIAL - Not yet certified

ACTIVE - Completed

RANKING - Rank Order List

Accessing Results & Reports

Add/Maintain School Administrators

Couples & the Matching Algorithm Video

Couples in the Match Video

How the Matching Algorithm Works Video

Managing Students & Graduates

Navigating the R3 System

ROL: Creating a Supplemental Rank Order List

ROL: Creating a Supplemental ROL Video

ROL: Entering & Certifying a Rank Order List

ROL: Guidelines for Creating a Rank Order List Video

SOAP: Tracking Applicant Offers

SOAP: View & Respond to Offers

Upload Student List & Edit Student Details

Using the Program Directory

Verify Email Address

Home Switch Options School Marcus Thompson

Match Year: []

Review Applicants

	Seniors	Graduates	Total
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0

Upload Student List

Andre Paul Jordan Teresa Omar Allison

MERCY

1. Andre 2. Jordan

CITY

1. Allison 2. Omar 3. Andre 4. Teresa 5. Paul 6. Jordan

GENERAL

1. Omar 2. Allison 3. Andre 4. Teresa 5. Paul 6. Jordan

Data Resources

- *Charting Outcomes™: Characteristics of Applicants Who Match to Their Preferred Specialty*
- *Charting Outcomes™: Applicant Survey Results, 2025 Main Residency Match®*
- *Charting Outcomes™: Program Survey Results, 2024 Main Residency Match®*
- *Results and Data: 2025 Main Residency Match®*





Watch for the Joint Navigating Match Week and SOAP Webinar to be released in mid-February

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