



Fellowship Match Ranking & Results: What Program Staff Need to Know Webinar

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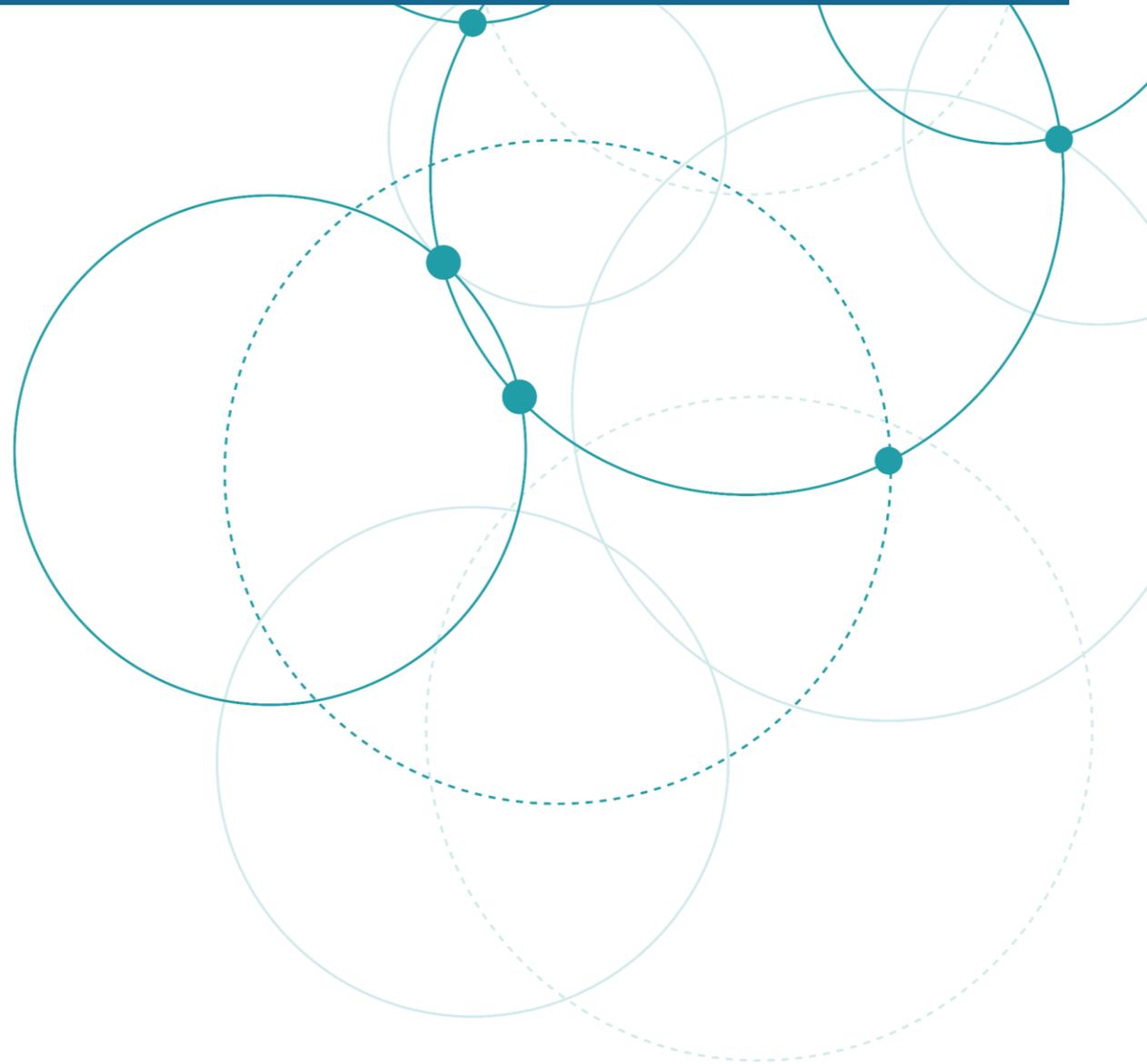
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Agenda

1. Match Calendar
2. Quota Change & Withdrawals
3. Creating Rank Order List
4. Certifying Rank Order List
5. Match Policies
6. The Matching Algorithm
7. Match Day
8. Post Match Day
9. Q & A



Match Schedule

Match Opens at noon, ET All Program and Institution users receive an email with a token code link or their username

Ranking Opens at noon, ET Ranking function in the R3 system opens for both applicants and programs

Quota Change Deadline at 11:59 p.m. ET Deadline for changes to the quota (the number of positions you intend to fill in the Match)
Program Withdrawal Deadline

Rank Order List Certification Deadline at 9:00 p.m. ET Deadline for both applicants and programs to enter and certify the ROL

Match Day at noon, ET Results are released in the R3 system for both applicants and programs. Unfilled/Unmatched Lists released



R3[®] System

The screenshot shows the R3 System login page for returning users. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo "THE MATCH NATIONAL RESIDENT MATCHING PROGRAM" and links for "About", "Insights", "Policies", "FAQs", and a "LOG IN/REGISTER" button. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for "Intro to The Match", "Match Calendars", "Program Directory", "Residency Applicants", "Fellowship Applicants", "Programs & Institutions", "Medical Schools", and "Match Data".

The main content area has a dark blue header with the logo and navigation options: "Login", "Register for Residency", and "Register for Fellowship Match". Below this is a breadcrumb trail: "United States - Registration, Ranking, and Results @R3 @".

The main section is titled "All Returning Users" and contains the following text:

*** Required**

Applicants and Staff from Institutions, Hospitals, Programs, or Schools. If you have already created a Username and Password for a current Match, enter them here.

Applicants with login credentials from a previous Match must register for each new Match in which you plan to participate. Select the appropriate "Register" option to proceed.

Below the text are two input fields:

* Username: ?

* Password: ?

Below the password field is a link: [I forgot my Username or Password](#)

At the bottom of the form is a "Login ▶" button.

At the bottom of the page, there is a "Match" section with three columns representing different match dates: "December 01, 2025", "November 13, 2025", and "October 30, 2025".

Match Home Page

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United States – Registration, Ranking, and Results @R3 @ – Laryngology

Home Options Jane James

View Program Details

Institution: National Medical Center - Washington, DC	Match Year: <input type="text"/>
Role: Program Director	Appointment Year: <input type="text"/>
Username: JaneJames	NRMP Institution Code: 1000
Institution Status: ACTIVE	ACGME Inst Code:
Program Name: Laryngology	NRMP Program Code: 1000L01F0
Program Type: Fellowship	ACGME Program Code: L01
Program Status: ACTIVE	

Rank Order List

- Status
- Quota
- Change Requests & Approvals
- Program Director/Coord
- Program Directory Information
- Reversions

Quota Changes & Withdrawals

- Quota is the number of positions to be filled in the Match.
- Quota information rolls over from the previous Match for each program.
- The Program Director (PD) is responsible for confirming the program's quota, making any changes, or withdrawing the program.
- The PD must be registered before the Quota Change Deadline to review or change the quota.
- The Institutional Official (IO) is responsible for approving all quota changes and withdrawals.

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United States – Registration, Ranking, and Results ©(R3 ©) – 2026 Laryngology

View Program Details

Institution: National Medical Center - Washington, DC	Match Year: 2026
Role: Program Director	Appointment Year: 2027
Username: JaneJames	NRMP Institution Code: 1000
Institution Status: ACTIVE	ACGME Inst Code:
Program Name: Laryngology	NRMP Program Code: 1000L01E0
Program Type: Fellowship	ACGME Program Code: L01
Program Status: ACTIVE	

Rank Order List

Status

Current Program Status **ACTIVE**

Withdraw ▶

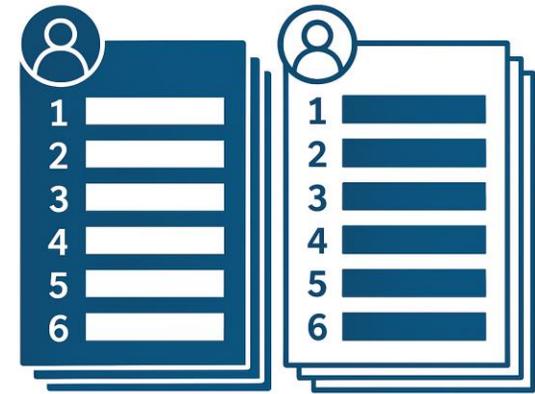
Quota

Change Requests & Approvals

Program Director/Coord

Creating a Rank Order List (ROL)

- Ranking function opens in the NRMP R3 system at 12:00 p.m. ET on the scheduled day.
- ROLs can be entered by either the PD or PC.
- PD is responsible for certifying the list.
- Applicants are ranked in order of preference, with the most preferred applicant ranked first.
- Multiple methods are available in the R3 system to enter and edit a ROL.



Add by NRMP ID

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 Home
  Options
  Jane James

Program Status: RANKING

Program Rank Order List

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

- You may add Applicants to the list by entering their NRMP ID or AAMC ID below, searching for them on the "Find & Add Applicants" tab, or entering multiple IDs in the "Import Applicant List" tab.
- Click, drag and drop the icons in the "Drag & Drop" column to move an Applicant's rank.
- Select the red X on any Applicant record below to delete them from the list.
- Do not open or edit Rank Order Lists in multiple tabs or browsers simultaneously.

 Find & Add Applicant

 Certify List

 Import

 Cancel Changes

 Save

 Search my List

 Print

 Delete All

Drag & Drop	Rank	Applicant Name	Medical School	Status <small>?</small>	NRMP ID	AAMC ID	Remove
	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Scott, Latasha	Medical College of Wisconsin	ACTIVE	N1190324	13799999	X

 Cancel Changes

 Save

 Search my List

 Print

 Delete All

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Applicant NRMP ID or AAMC ID

Add Applicant & Save

Find & Add Applicants

Role: Program Director NRMP Institution Code: 1000

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

Find & Add Applicant Certify List Import

Cancel Changes Save Search my List Print Delete All

Drag & Drop	Rank	Applicant Name	Medical School	Status	NRMP ID	AAMC ID	Remove
	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Jones, Julia	University of Alabama School of Medicine	ACTIVE	N0957794	87314594	X
	<input type="text" value="2"/>	Hayes, Ainsley Alexandria	Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University	ACTIVE	N1000954	44599873	X

Cancel Changes Save Search my List Print Delete All

Applicant NRMP ID or AAMC ID

Importing Applicants

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	<input type="text" value="2"/>	Johnson, Keegan	Universidade de Porto	ACTIVE	N1190334	--	
	<input type="text" value="3"/>	Kidd, Nancy	University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine	ACTIVE	N1190332	--	
	<input type="text" value="4"/>	Scott, Latasha	Medical College of Wisconsin	ACTIVE	N1190324	13799999	
	<input type="text" value="5"/>	Smith, Daniella	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine	ACTIVE	N1190328	12378945	
	<input type="text" value="6"/>	Walker, Kenneth	University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine	ACTIVE	N1190326	--	

Other Features

Program Rank Order List

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[Find & Add Applicant](#)
[Certify List](#)
[Import](#)

[Cancel Changes](#)
[Save](#)
[Search my List](#)
[Print](#)
[Delete All](#)

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Rank Order List Certification Deadline

The Rank Order List Certification Deadline for each SMS Fellowship Match®:

**Wednesday, on the scheduled day at 9:00 p.m.
Eastern Time**

Programs must:

- Enter and Certify a rank order list (ROL) for your program(s)
- Enter reversions between tracks, if necessary
- Ensure any programs changes have been approved by the Institutional Official (IO) under the Change Approvals tab



Ranking Wisdom

Provide applicants your NRMP Program Code(s).

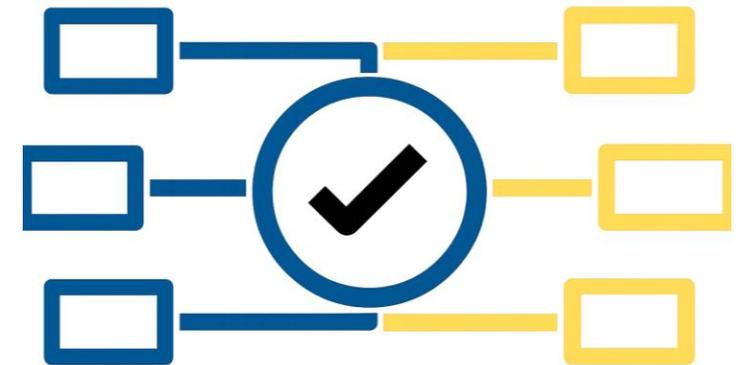
Rank applicants in the order of your true preference.

Rank only applicants who meet institution and program appointment requirements.

Placing an applicant on your ROL creates a binding commitment if a match occurs.

The program director is responsible for certifying the ROL or editing a certified ROL.

NRMP will not enter or modify rank order lists.



Match Policy

Applicant Match History (in the R3 system)

Programs should determine whether an applicant is eligible for appointment prior to offering interviews or if an applicant has a waiver/violation history.

- Available in the R3 system year-round.

Note: Applicants who have not participated in an NRMP Match will not appear in search results

Match Policy-Eligibility for Ranking

Section 7.3.1 Applicant Eligibility for Ranking

Before certifying the rank order list, programs should:

1. Determine each applicant's eligibility by verifying the applicant's match status in the Applicant Match History available through the R3 system or by contacting NRMP support;
2. Confirm the institution's willingness and/or ability to sponsor the visa type requested or intended by any non-U.S. citizen applicant ranked; and
3. Ensure each ranked applicant meets requirements for licensure, as published by the programs state Licensure Board.

Match Policy-Submission of Rank Order List

Section 7.3.2 Submitting a Rank Order List

Before certifying your rank order list, programs should:

- Ensure applicants meet state Licensure Board requirement to begin training.
- Confirm visa type and sponsorship
- Communicate, in writing, all institutional policies regarding eligibility criteria (e.g. expected credentials, pre-employment screenings, background checks, etc.) applicants must meet if matched to the program.

Match Policy

Before the Rank Order List Certification Deadline:

A program may voluntarily communicate to an applicant that they are viewed favorably and will be ranked by the program; however, programs may not solicit verbal or written statements from an applicant implying a commitment to rank the program.

Applicants may voluntarily communicate their interest to a program(s); however, applicants may not solicit verbal or written statements from a program(s) implying a commitment to rank the applicant.

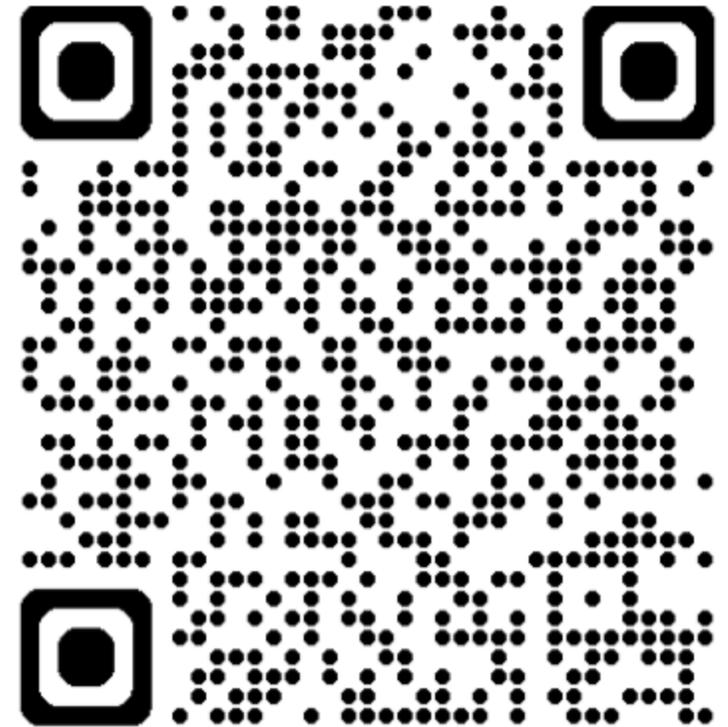
Match Policy Reminder!

The Match Commitment Is Binding

Binding Commitment (Section 9.0)

Applicants and programs are not authorized to release each other from the binding commitment.

If for any reason an applicant or program cannot or will not honor the binding commitment a waiver or deferral must be requested from the NRMP.



[Requesting A Waiver/Deferral](#)

Policy Resources

Policy Highlights for Programs

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MATCHING PROCESS.

PROGRAMS ARE OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE COMPLETE, TIMELY, AND ACCURATE INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE APPLICATION, INTERVIEW, AND MATCHING PROCESSES

PROGRAM TOPICS REQUIRING FULL DISCLOSURE, BUT AREN'T LIMITED TO:

- VISA REQUIREMENTS
- PRE-EMPLOYMENT SCREENING POLICIES
- INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES
- PROGRAM CONTRACT

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Policy Corner: November 2024 – Communication Between Applicants and Programs

November 21st, 2024

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

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

The NRMP recently convened its Transition to Residency conference in Louisville, and a question posed to NRMP leadership during the Town Hall focused on communication between Match applicants and programs. We thought it would be good to review communication-based policy with the broader community as interview season gains momentum.

A cornerstone of the Match is that participants should be able to move through the process without undue burden and coercion. Section 6.5 of the [Match Participation Agreement for Programs](#) provides that right for programs but also dictates how programs should protect and provide those rights for applicants:

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Match Code of Conduct for Programs

Purpose

The National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) ensures high professional standards in the conduct of its Matching Program and expects all Match participants to conduct their affairs in an ethical and professionally responsible manner. To that end, this Code of Conduct should serve as a guide for residency and fellowship program directors and all members of the recruitment team participating in a Match.

Code

To promote the highest ethical and professional standards, program directors and members of the recruitment team participating in a Match must:

- Accept responsibility for the actions of all recruitment team members**
Program directors and other members of the recruitment team must comply with Match policies and ensure that all interactions with applicants are in an atmosphere that is safe, respectful, and free of harmful bias. Program directors accept responsibility for the actions of the entire recruitment team.

Codes of Conduct

Home » Topic: Policies & Compliance

Help & Support

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HELP TOPICS

51 Results Returned

POLICIES & COMPLIANCE

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

Policies & Compliance

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...

FAQs

How the Algorithm Works



The Matching Algorithm (cont.)

There is **NO** match if:

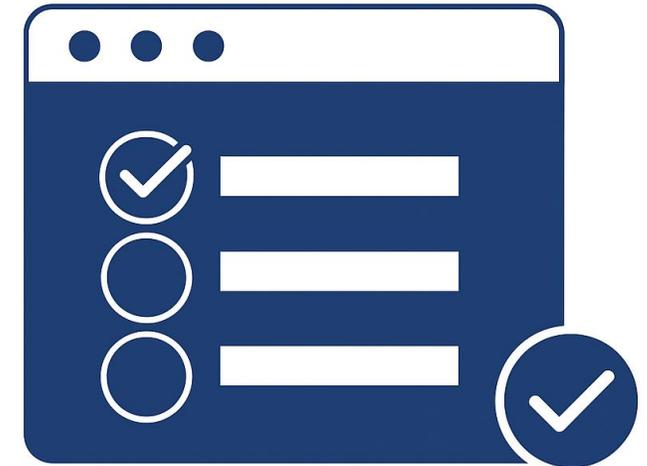
- the applicant did not rank the program, OR
- the program did not rank the applicant, OR
- the program and applicant ranked each other but the program filled with other applicants more preferred by the program.

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.



Match Day!

- Results released at noon, ET on the Match Day for your fellowship Match
- Available via R3 system and courtesy email
- *Confidential Roster of Program's Matched Applicants and Match Results by Ranked Applicant* reports available in R3 under
- Options → Reports
- *List of Unmatched Applicants* available to the programs that did not fill
- *List of Unfilled Programs* available to applicants who did not Match
- After results are released, unfilled programs may fill their remaining positions however they choose

Updating the *List of Unfilled Programs*

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United States – Registration, Ranking, and Results ®(R3 ®) – Medicine and Pediatric Specialties

View Program Details

Username: rparker	Match Year: 2025
Institution Name: National Capital Univ-DC - Washington, DC	Appointment Year: 2026
Institution Status: ACTIVE	NRMP Institution Code: 1800
Program Name: Adv Heart Failure/Transplant Card	ACGME Inst Code: 238142
Program Type: Fellowship Subspecialty	NRMP Program Code: 1800159S0
Program Status: CERTIFIED	ACGME Program Code: 1591014001

- Rank Order List
- Go to Program Waivers & Violations
- Update Unfilled**
- Status
- Quota
- Change Requests & Approvals

Updating the *List of Unfilled Programs*

The screenshot shows the NRMP website interface. At the top, the logo 'THE MATCH' is displayed with the tagline 'NATIONAL RESIDENT MATCHING PROGRAM®'. Navigation links include Home, Options, Match, System, and Unfilled List. The current page is titled 'United States - Registration, Ranking, and Results ®(R3 ®) - Medicine and Pediatric Specialties'.

The 'View Program Details' section displays the following information:

Username: rparker	Match Year: 2025
Institution Name: National Capital Univ-DC - Washington, DC	Appointment Year: 2026
Institution Status: ACTIVE	NRMP Institution Code: 1800
Program Name: Adv Heart Failure/Transplant Card	ACGME Inst Code: 238142
Program Type: Fellowship Subspecialty	NRMP Program Code: 1800159S0
Program Status: CERTIFIED	ACGME Program Code: 1591014001

Below the details are three buttons: 'Rank Order List', 'Go to Program Waivers & Violations', and 'Update Unfilled'.

The 'Update Unfilled' section shows a dropdown menu with 'UNFILLED' selected. Below this, a message states: 'Your Program currently has 2 unfilled positions. Update the number of unfilled positions shown to the Public.' A text input field labeled 'Current Unfilled' contains the number '2'. At the bottom of this section are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Set Current Unfilled ▶', with a red arrow pointing to the latter.

Video Resources & Support Guides

The screenshot displays the NRMP website interface. At the top, the logo for 'THE MATCH NATIONAL RESIDENT MATCHING PROGRAM' is visible. The navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Options', and a user profile for 'Claudia Jean Cregg'. A dropdown menu is open, listing various support topics such as 'Add/Maintain Program Coordinators', 'Adding a Program', 'Changing Quota & Program Details', 'Creating Joint Advanced/Preliminary Tracks', and 'Entering & Certifying a Program Rank Order List'. A video player is embedded, showing a slide titled 'Match Process for Programs and Institutions'. The slide content includes a table with key dates and a link to the Main Residency Match Calendar.

Jan 19	Rank order list entry begins at 4:12 p.m.
Feb 28	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 15	Match Day! Match results released in R3 [®] system at 12:00 noon ET.

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



**Access NRMP
Support Resources**

Questions?



THANK YOU and Good Luck in the Match!



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