Introduction to the 2021 Main Residency Match

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• Main Residency Match Changes & Overview
• Program Set-up Options
• Match Policies
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NRMP vs. ERAS

NRMP and the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS®) are separate organizations with separate systems.

- ERAS is the application service provided by the AAMC® where you will review applications and supporting materials.
- NRMP is the matching service where you will register both yourself and your program, rank applicants, and receive Match results.
- NRMP partners with ERAS to conduct SOAP®.

Programs and applicants must register for both services.
Changes This Year

• ERAS has delayed access to applications for programs until October 21 at 9:00 a.m., ET
• Virtual Interviews
• Ranking open delayed by two weeks
• Rank Order List Certification Deadline delayed by a week
• Decreased the amount of time between Rank Order List Certification Deadline and Match Week
• Added an additional SOAP Round
Match Calendar

September 15, 2020  Registration Opens 12:00 p.m.

October 21, 2020  Applications available in the ERAS system

January 31, 2021  Quota Change, Withdrawal, & SOAP Participation Status Deadline 11:59 p.m.

February 1, 2021  Ranking Opens 12:00 p.m.

March 3, 2021  Rank Order List Certification Deadline 9:00 p.m.

* All times are Eastern Time
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<td>Match Week and SOAP Begins 11:00 a.m.</td>
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<td>March 18, 2021</td>
<td>Final, 4th SOAP Round ends 2:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>SOAP Ends</td>
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<td>List of Unfilled Programs &amp; Confidential Roster of Matched Applicants released 3:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>March 19, 2021</td>
<td>Match Day 1:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>July 1, 2021</td>
<td>Training Begins</td>
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Roles and Responsibilities

- **Institutional Official (IO):** provides oversight for all programs in the Match, activates programs, and approves changes (usually the ACGME DIO)

- **Institutional Administrator (IA):** assists the IO with administering programs in the Match

- **Program Director (PD):** manages the program’s participation in the Match including adding program tracks, entering reversions, changing the quota, certifying the ROL, and editing a certified ROL

- **Program Coordinator (PC):** assists the PD with administering the program including viewing program details, entering the ROL, and updating program information
# Types of Programs

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

- Provides the rules governing the matching process
- Different versions for different users
- Important Notices provide highlights of the Match Participation Agreement (MPA)
- All Match participants must electronically sign the MPA as part of the registration process
Match Participation Agreement

2021 Match Participation Agreement
For Applicants and Programs

2021 Main Residency Match®

Terms and Conditions of the Match Participation Agreement Among Applicants, the NRMP, and Participating Programs

These are the terms and conditions of the Match Participation Agreement that each applicant and program desiring to participate in the Main Residency Match enters into by clicking on the "I Accept" button on the Registration screen of the Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3®) system. Upon the NRMP’s acceptance of such party’s registration, these terms and conditions will be a binding agreement between such party and the NRMP, as well as between such party and any other party who executes this Match Participation Agreement and whose registration is accepted by the NRMP.

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Updated September 2020

Password: [Enter Password]

[Accept]
NRMP 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 (C, A, M, P, R)
  • Character 9-11: track number
Ex: 1000140C0

Provide the NRMP program code to applicants to assist them in ranking your program.
Match Home Page

- Institution: National Medical Center, Test Institution - Washington, DC
- Role: Program Director
- Username: Wednesday

You currently have 0 Active Programs in the Match.

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<th>Program Description</th>
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<td>1000146C0</td>
<td>◼️ INITIAL</td>
<td>Wednesday Adams (Pledged on Sep 2, 2020)</td>
<td>D0 R0</td>
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- Feb 01: Rank order list entry begins at 12:00 noon ET for all users.
- Mar 03: Rank Order List Deadline and deadline to withdraw from the Main Residency Match.
- Mar 19: Match Day Match results released in RCP system at 1:00 p.m. ET.
| Institution: National Medical CenterTest Institution - Washington, DC |
| Role: Program Director |
| Username: wednesday |
| Institution Status: ACTIVE |
| Program Name: Internal Medicine |
| Program Type: Categorical |
| Program Status: INITIAL |

**Match Year:** 2021

**NRMP Institution Code:** 1000

**ACGME Inst Code:**

**NRMP Program Code:** 16001600C0

**ACGME Program Code:** 1461223181

**SOAP Participation:** Pending

- Status
- Quota
- SOAP Participation
- Change Requests & Approvals
- Program Director/Coord
- Public Contact
- Reversions
Program Activation

- Program information rolls over from the previous Match
- IOs are responsible for activating the institution and programs
- Inform your IO if a program track will not be used for the current Match so it can be marked as Not Participating
- Programs cannot make any updates until the program has been activated
Quota

- Number of positions to be filled in the Match
- Quota information rolls over from the previous Match
- PD is responsible for confirming quota and making any changes
- PD must be registered before the Quota Change Deadline to review or change quota
- IO is responsible for approving all quota changes
Quota
Setting SOAP Participation

• PDs can set their SOAP participation indicator beginning when the Match opens

• Programs electing to participate in SOAP agree to accept applications ONLY through ERAS and offer positions ONLY through SOAP

• Programs electing not to participate in SOAP are prohibited from extending offers until after SOAP concludes on Thursday of Match Week
Setting SOAP Participation

Will this program participate in the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP)?

- Yes, the program will participate in SOAP to fill available positions during Match Week
- No, the program opts out and will not extend offers for any unfilled positions until after Match Week
Program Information

• Ensure program director/coordinator and public contact information is updated: address, email, website

• Public contact information is periodically loaded into PRISM app

• Public information also will be in the *List of Unfilled Programs* if your program does not fill when the matching algorithm is processed
Program Set-up Options

Tracks

• Based on needs of programs
• Can be created by the PD, IA, or IO. Must be activated by the IO for participation
• Examples: location, research, rural, external funding, etc.
• Reversions can be created to guard against being unfilled
Program Set-up Options

Reversions

• Donate unfilled positions in one program or track to another during the matching process
• Reversions do not roll over. Must be created each year
• Donor program creates the reversion
• If used, the rank order list of the recipient program is used to fill the positions donated
• Cannot revert more than the current program quota
• Must be approved by IO
Reversions

Algorithm Begins Processing:
- IM track fills its 2 positions
- IM/Rural track fills 1 of its 2 positions

1 unfilled IM/Rural track position reverts to the main IM track and algorithm tries to fill the position using the main IM track rank list.

IM track fills the 1 additional position reverted from the IM/Rural track.

Match Results:
- IM track fills 3
- IM/Rural track fills 1
- Both programs show as filled.
Joint Advanced-Preliminary Programs

• Link an advanced (A) program with a preliminary (P) program to create a full course of training for applicants

• Only applicants ranking the A program on their primary ROL can rank the joined P program on the attached supplemental ROL

• Applicants match to the P program only if they first match to the A program

• Must be entered and approved by the IO before February 1
Change Requests & Approvals

Pending Program Change Requests

No changes requiring approval are pending.

Completed Program Change Requests

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<th>Change Requested By:</th>
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<th>Old Value</th>
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Program Director/Coord
Match Policy

Applicant Match History

• Determine whether an applicant is eligible for appointment prior to offering interviews or if they have a waiver/violation history
• Available in the R3 system year-round
• Senior students and applicants who have not participated in an NRMP Match will not appear in search results
### Match Policy

To conduct a single search, please enter search criteria below. If searching only by name, you must enter at least part of the First and Last Names.

To conduct a bulk search, click on the "Search for Multiple Applicants via Bulk Upload" button at the top of the screen. The bulk search option offers an option for exact matching.

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**Alert Symbol:**

- **Alert Symbol:** This Applicant was found to be in violation of the NRMP Match Participation Agreement. For further information, please view the Applicant Match History.
Match Policy

Sponsored Applicants

• Applicant who is enrolled in a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education OR the American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA)

• If any of an institution's programs participates in the Match, all the institution's programs, regardless of Match participation status, must offer positions to sponsored applicants through the Match or another national matching plan
Match Policy

All In Policy

- Any program registering for the Main Residency Match must register and attempt to fill all positions through the Match or another national matching plan
- Does not include PGY-2 or higher positions in specialties accredited to begin only at the PGY-1 level
- Off cycle training must begin before February 1
Completely, Timely, and Accurate Information

- Programs must provide complete, timely, and accurate information to applicants, including a copy of the contract and all institutional policies
- Applies to all participant types in the Match including applicants and their medical schools
Match Policy

Restrictions on Persuasion

• Programs cannot request applicants to reveal ranking preferences or the names, specialties, geographic locations, or other identifying information about programs to which they have or may apply.

• Be sure all institution staff who participate in interviews, decision-making, or who can speak for the program are aware of policies.
## Match Fees for 2020-2021

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<td>Institution Registration $250</td>
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<td>Program Registration (per track) $60</td>
<td>Couple Fee (per partner) $45</td>
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<td>Matched Applicants $60</td>
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An institution with one program track in the Match, that matches one applicant, will pay $370.
Video Resources & Support Guides

MATCH TOPIC VIDEOS
- Program Policy Pitfalls: SOAP
- Program Policy Pitfalls: Violations
- Program Policy Pitfalls: Waiver Investigations
- Policy Highlights for Programs
- The Match Process
- Program Types in the Main Residency Match
  - How the Matching Algorithm Works
- Creating Reversions
- SOAP for Programs

R3 GUIDES
- Verify Email Address
- Navigating the R3 System – Main Residency Match
- Navigating the R3 System – Fellowship Match
- Token Redemption for Existing R3 Users
- Token Redemption & Registration for New Users
- Adding a Program
- Adding & Maintaining Program Coordinators
- Changing Quota & Program Details
- Using the Program Directory
- Creating Joint Advanced/Preliminary Tracks
- Using Applicant Match History
Questions?