

# Illuminator

## February 2021

Ranking for the 2021 Main Residency Match® opens today! The Rank Order List (ROL) Certification Deadline is 9:00 p.m. ET on March 3.

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## Main Residency Match Reminders

As the 2021 Main Residency Match progresses into February, here are some helpful reminders.

### School Officials:

- Please remind your students that while the Standard Registration Deadline passed on January 31, it is not too late for them to register. There is a \$50 late fee to register between now and March 3. Programs will not be able to find applicants or rank them until they are active (registered with all fees paid) in the NRMP's Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3) system.
- School officials can begin verifying applicant graduation credentials today. Graduation credentials must be verified by the ROL Certification Deadline on March 3 for students and graduates to participate in the Match and the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program® (SOAP). Login to R3 to complete the process. The [Verifying Graduation Credentials Support Guide](#) provides step-by-step instructions.



### Program Directors:

- Programs may begin to enter and certify their rank order lists in R3. The ROL Certification Deadline is March 3 at 9:00 p.m. ET. No changes may be made to the ROL after this time. Only certified lists will be used in the Match. **Resource:** [Ranking Applicants](#)
- Now is the time to ensure applicants have met all the program's eligibility criteria and to ensure those criteria have been conveyed to interviewed applicants in writing before the ROL Certification Deadline on March 3.

### Institutional Officials:

- Double check your active program list in R3 to ensure programs participating in the Match are listed correctly and program staff have registered. Please contact [NRMP Support](#) with questions or concerns.
- The deadline is March 3 to approve program changes such as quotas, reversions, and withdrawals. Programs with outstanding change approvals will NOT be able to certify a ROL until the changes are approved, so do not wait to approve program change requests. Login to R3 to complete the approval process. **Resource:** [Change Approval Support Guide](#)

## Program Match Rights and Responsibilities: Things to Know

The NRMP staff is here to help with rights and responsibilities as you consider applicants during the Match.

- Programs may not ask applicants about their ranking preferences or about programs to which they may apply.
- Programs may indicate their intention to rank an applicant.
- Programs are responsible for providing applicants complete, timely, and accurate information, in writing, regarding all eligibility requirements before the ROL Deadline.

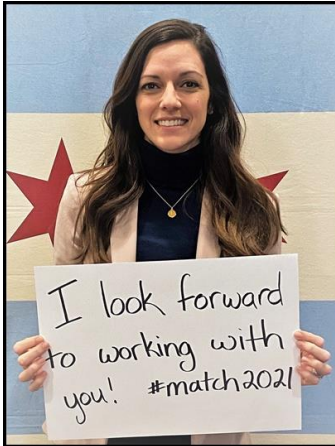


- Programs and applicants may have no communication between the Rank Order List Deadline (March 3) and the start of Match Week (March 15).

**Resource:**

- [Video: Policy Highlights for Programs](#)

## Meet the NRMP: Lauren Byrne



We are pleased to welcome **Lauren Byrne** to the NRMP in the role of Chief Compliance and Communications Officer. She will be providing strategic direction and oversight of waiver requests and violation investigations as well as the development of a robust communications strategy for the organization.

Lauren brings over ten years of experience in graduate medical education from her work at the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). With her background in analytics, research, and public health, Lauren will help ensure we are meeting the needs of Match participants in the transition to GME as we support the next generation of physicians.

Lauren earned a B.A. in Mathematics from Grinnell College and a M.P.H. from Case Western Reserve University. She is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University. She lives in Chicago with her husband and two daughters.

## Upcoming Dates



**Main Residency Match**  
February 1, 12:00 p.m. ET: Ranking Opens

**Hand Surgery Fellowship Match**  
February 10, 12:00 p.m. ET: Registration Opens