If a student is unmatched or partially unmatched (advanced but no PGY1/PGY1 but no advanced) they will participate in the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) during Match Week. SOAP allows unmatched students to apply to open positions through ERAS.

### The Match

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<td>Applicants are encouraged to schedule a clerkship at the location they hope to do their residency. Each service has their own dates and deadlines for their applications. The board meets in late November to decide where applicants will go, with results released mid-December.</td>
<td>Applicant registration opens early June. The Centralized Application Service (CAS) opens to programs early September. The OSAC Registrar Unit uploads letters, medical school transcript, and the MSPE; the student uploads all other materials. Rank order list is due early January. Results released mid-January. Students who match in Ophthalmology require preliminary or transitional year (PGY1). Apply through ERAS to find a PGY1 position. Submit a separate rank order list through the NRMP.</td>
<td>MyERAS for students opens mid-February so students can begin to allow letter writers access to the online Letter of Recommendation Portal (LoRP). ERAS for programs opens September 15 and they begin to download applications. The National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) also opens September 15: this is a separate registration and fee. The Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) is released October 1. Interview offers may begin soon after September 15 and continue throughout the fall. Interviews may take place October through January (specialty dependent). The NRMP Rank order list (ROL) certification deadline is the last Wednesday in February. Results are released the third Friday in March. Students who do not match will have time to enter the civilian match. Submit a separate rank order list through the NRMP.</td>
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### Resources

- [www.aamc.org/eras](http://www.aamc.org/eras)
- [www.nrmp.org](http://www.nrmp.org)
- [www.nrmp.org/soap](http://www.nrmp.org/soap)
- [sfmatch.org](http://sfmatch.org)
- [www.militarygme.org](http://www.militarygme.org)
- [www.auanet.org](http://www.auanet.org)
- [www.medicine.uiowa.edu/md/fourthyear](http://www.medicine.uiowa.edu/md/fourthyear)
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  - 319-335-6823

For Urology, students apply to programs through ERAS, but submit a rank order list to the American Urological Association (AUA) match. ROLs are due the first week in January. Results are released later in January.