



American University of the Caribbean
School of Medicine

OCA Match Corner

Office of Career Advisement

Residency Application Process for the 2022 Match



Today's Agenda

- ✓ Residency Application Process and Timeline
- ✓ Researching and Applying to Programs
- ✓ Scheduling Interviews
- ✓ Supporting Documents including the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) Letter
- ✓ Match Strategy
- ✓ Target USMLE Scores
- ✓ ECFMG Certification
- ✓ Residency Interview
- ✓ Resources



Summer Checklist for 2022 Match

June

Research Programs
of Interest

Obtain ERAS Token
(June 24)

Revise Noteworthy
Characteristics

July

Request MSPE Letter
(July 1 deadline)

Research Programs

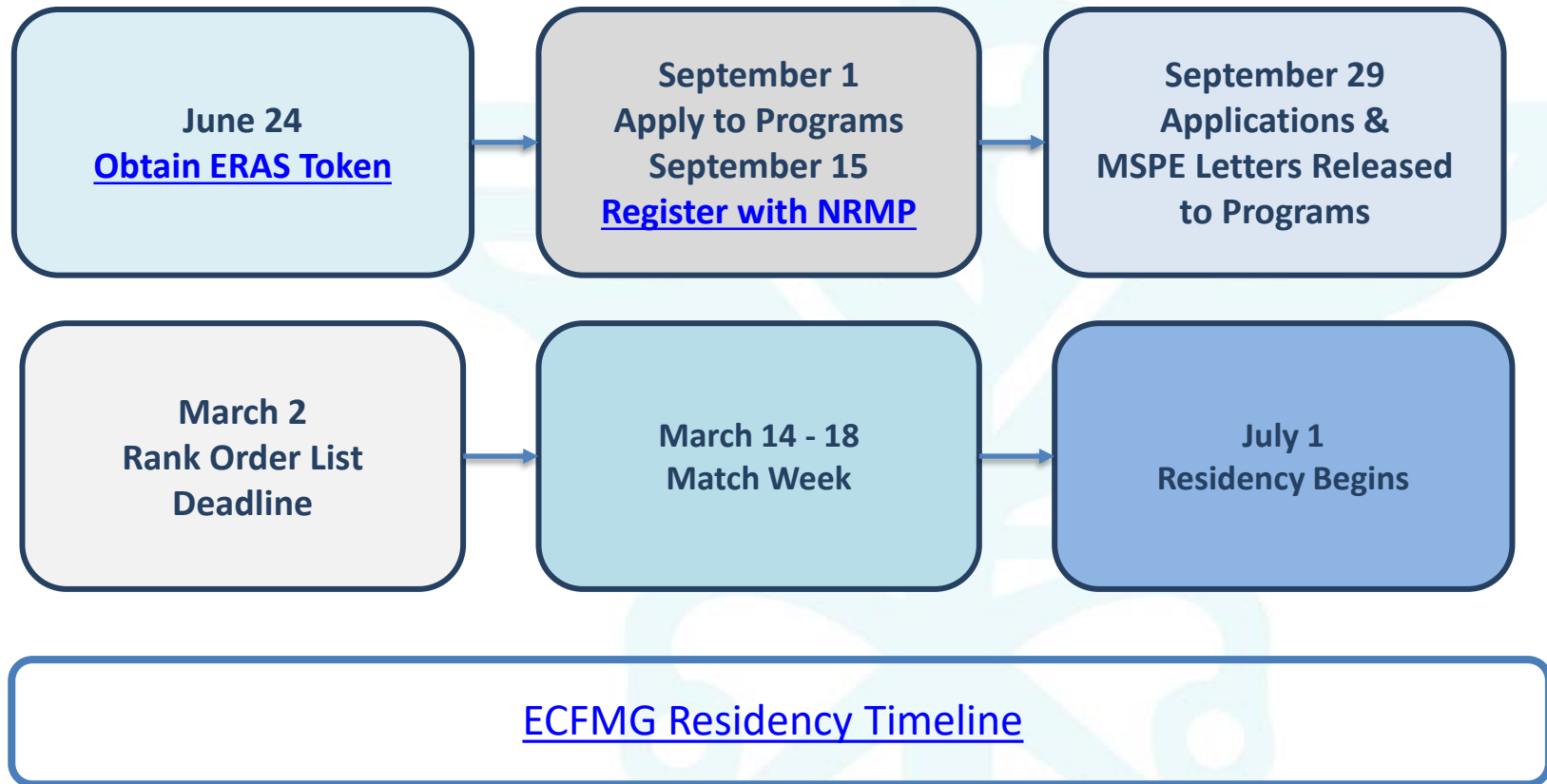
August/September

Finalize Personal Statement

USMLE Step 2 CK Completed



Residency Application Process Overview





2022 Match | Important Dates

June 24	Obtain your ERAS Token in the ERAS Support Services section of ECFMG's OASIS
July 1	AUC Deadline to Request MSPE Letter for 2022 Match for first-time applicants
Aug 13-20	MSPE Letters are sent to students to review for factual errors
Aug 23-Sept 21	MSPE Letters are uploaded by OCA to ECFMG/ERAS
Aug 27	Target Date to take OET to have results by Sept 29
Aug 31	Target Date to take Step 2 CK to have score by Sept 29
Sept 1-29	Apply to programs via ERAS
Sept 14	Deadline to register with ERAS in order to have the Medical School Transcript uploaded to ECFMG/ERAS by AUC Registrar
Sept 15	Register with NRMP
Sept 21	Deadline to upload supporting documents so they are available on Sept 29
Sept 29	MSPE Letters are released to programs; programs can access applications
Dec	Take OET on or before the last available test date in Dec
Dec 1	Last day to take CSA for your clinical skills attestation to be processed by Dec 15
Dec 15	Deadline for applicants to submit ECFMG Pathway Application
Jan 15	Deadline for AUC Registrar to submit CS Attestation Form to ECFMG
Feb 1	Students can submit their Rank Order List Certification
Mar 2	Deadline for Match Registration and Rank Order List Certification
Mar 14	Students find out IF they matched
Mar 18	Students find WHERE they matched



Researching Programs | June - August

Consider your personality and short and long term goals.

List programs in which you're interested and narrow down by researching program websites

Look for programs that have taken IMGs and match USMLE requirements, if applicable

Refer to Residency Placement Lists from: [AUC](#) | [Ross](#) | [SGU](#) | [SABA](#) | [UMHS](#) | [AUA](#)

Refer to [FRIEDA Residency Database](#), [ACGME website](#) and [ERAS 2021 Participating Specialties and Programs](#)



Applying to Programs | September 1 – 29

Review online presence to ensure it promotes an image of professional and mature physicians

In a typical application year, most students will apply to 100-200 programs

Use Residency Fee Calculator to estimate costs of applying (150 programs cost approx. \$3k)

Goal is to get at least 10 interviews

Budget \$8k for applications and interview costs

- AAMC lists range of \$1,000 - \$7,300
- Review Travel Tips to save money



Interviewing with Programs | October - February

Try to avoid interviewing at your top choice program until you have completed at least one interview

Nervous and less confident early on, so use programs in which you are not as interested in to improve skills

No consensus if better to interview early or late in season

*Early because programs are fresh and excited about meeting applicants.
Late so you'll be more memorable.*

Remember: Program Coordinator organizes the interview schedule and is closest to the Program Director – be nice!



Residency Application Supporting Documents

- ✓ Letters of Recommendation (LoRs) – provided by student/letter writer
- ✓ USMLE Transcript – provided by student
- ✓ Personal Statement – provided by student
- ✓ ERAS Application (CV) – provided by student
- ✓ Photograph – provided by student
- ✓ ECFMG Status Report
- ✓ Medical School Transcript – provided by Registrar
- ✓ MSPE Letter – provided by OCA (See Sample) (Submit request by July 1, 2021)

[ECFMG Supporting Documents Overview](#)



Letter of Recommendation (LOR)

**Need at least one LOR
in the specialty or
specialties in which
you apply**

**No limit to number of
LORs students can
submit to ERAS, but
can only assign four
to each program**

**Letter writers are the
only individuals who
can upload an LOR via
AAMC's portal if the
student has waived
his or her right to
view the LOR**

[Letter of Recommendation Portal \(LoRP\)](#)



MSPE Letter | Rotation Comments

Clerkship: Psychiatry Core

Weeks: 6 -- From: 6/26/2017 to 8/4/2017

St. John's Episcopal Hospital- South Shore, Far Rockaway, NY

Overall Evaluation: Superior

Evaluator: Dr. David Alder

"Outstanding student, enthusiastic learner. A pleasure to teach. Valuable team member."

Clerkship: Pediatrics Core

Weeks: 6 -- From: 9/26/2016 to 11/4/2016

Providence Hospital, Southfield, MI

Overall Evaluation: Superior

Evaluator: Dr. James Landers

"Superb student, she will do very well in her chosen area of medicine (I'm hoping for Pediatrics!). She was always punctual, and was willing to help the office flow smoothly, often without prompting. She has an excellent interaction with patients, parent, and staff. She was well studied in Pediatrics, and very eager to investigate and learn the curriculum."

[MSPE Letter Sample](#)



MSPE Letter | COVID-19 Additions

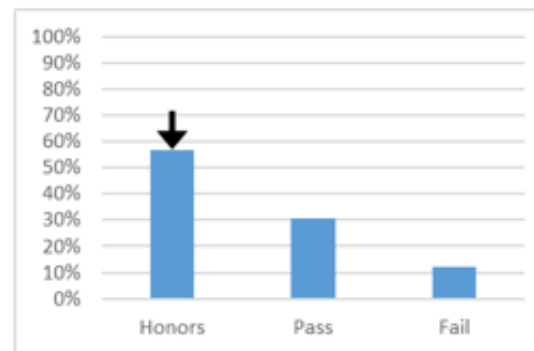
Academic History

Jane Doe's academic experience **was** affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; please see the Academic Progress section for more detail.

Clerkship: Internal Medicine (Core)
Clerkship Grade: Exceeds Expectations
Overall Grade: Honors

Weeks: 8 – 1/27/2020 to 3/27/2020
CHS/GMHETC, Miami, FL
Evaluator: Dr. Walker

This rotation was modified due to our school suspending medical students' clinical contact due to COVID-19. The Overall Grade for Core Clerkships is based on the student's clinical performance during the rotation unless he or she had multiple attempts on NBME subject exam and/or scored "Below Expectations" for professionalism. In those cases, "Pass" is the highest grade students can attain.



She will be an asset to any IM residency program. She has an amazing work ethic, clinical skills, and strong medical knowledge. She went above and beyond and made herself available to every learning experience.



MSPE Letter | Summary Sheet

**At least two
community service
activities**

**At least one activity in
a leadership position**

Ms. Doe has thrived at American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine. After adapting to student life in a foreign country, she pursued and excelled in clinical clerkship rotations at geographically diverse sites across the United States. Throughout her time at AUC, Ms. Doe has benefitted from dedicated faculty and a student-centered approach to medical education and training.

Ms. Doe received honors in multiple core clerkships and participated in multiple community service activities while serving in a leadership role.

I am pleased to recommend Jane Doe for post-graduate training.



Match Strategy

- Competitive for specialty ([Charting Outcomes in the Match for IMGs](#))
- Parallel Specialty if not competitive for preferred specialty
- Apply to sites where you rotated
- Strong LORs (at least in preferred specialty)
- Apply to sites in your home state
 - Mention you are from the area in personal statement
- Apply broadly
 - Different geographic regions, different types of programs (community/university)
- Consider going for the 2023 Match and opting into the 80-week program if you won't have an LOR in your preferred specialty or CK completed available for programs to view on Sept. 29



USMLE® Step 1 Performance for 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 Classes

Specialty	# Residency Placements	% Matched into Specialty	AUC Mean	IMGs Mean*
			Step 1	
Anesthesiology	24	2.9%	233	232
Child Neurology	1	0.1%	N/A**	221
Dermatology	1	0.1%	N/A**	241
Emergency Medicine	39	4.7%	235	230
Family Medicine	254	30.5%	213	211
Internal Medicine	300	36.1%	227	226
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics	7	0.8%	228	234
Internal Medicine/Primary	3	0.4%	225	N/A
Neurology	13	1.6%	229	227
Ob/Gyn	11	1.3%	231	229
Ophthalmology	1	0.1%	N/A**	245***
Orthopedic Surgery	0	0.0%	N/A	241
Pathology-Anatomical and Clinical	7	0.8%	236	223
Pediatrics	49	5.9%	219	222
PM&R	1	0.1%	N/A**	222
Psychiatry	44	5.3%	217	213
Radiology-Diagnostic	18	2.2%	247	241
Radiology-Interventional	1	0.1%	N/A**	246
Surgery-General	34	4.1%	239	237
Surgery-Neurological	0	0.0%	N/A	239
Surgery-Plastic	0	0.0%	N/A	246
Surgery-Vascular	0	0.0%	N/A	227
Transitional Year	24	2.9%	235	N/A

*Source: [2020 NRMP's Charting Outcomes for IMGs](#)** Data too few to report *** Source: [2021 Ophthalmology Match Report](#)



USMLE® Step 2 CK Performance for 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 Classes

Specialty	# Residency Placements	% Matched into Specialty	AUC Mean	IMGs Mean*
			Step 2 Ck	
Anesthesiology	24	2.9%	243	239
Child Neurology	1	0.1%	N/A**	230
Dermatology	1	0.1%	N/A**	247
Emergency Medicine	39	4.7%	242	240
Family Medicine	254	30.5%	226	226
Internal Medicine	300	36.1%	237	235
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics	7	0.8%	234	239
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PM&R	1	0.1%	N/A**	229
Psychiatry	44	5.3%	232	226
Radiology-Diagnostic	18	2.2%	251	247
Radiology-Interventional	1	0.1%	N/A**	250
Surgery-General	34	4.1%	245	245
Surgery-Neurological	0	0.0%	N/A	250
Surgery-Plastic	0	0.0%	N/A	250
Surgery-Vascular	0	0.0%	N/A	240
Transitional Year	24	2.9%	243	N/A

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Residency Interview Questions | Examples

Start Practicing Now!

- ✓ Tell me about yourself
- ✓ Why are you interested in this program?
- ✓ What challenges will our specialty face in the next 10 years?
- ✓ Why did you choose your specialty?
- ✓ What are your long-term goals?
- ✓ Why do you want to be a physician?
- ✓ How do you handle stress?

Common interview questions can be found in [AUC's Match Handbook](#)
[AAMC's Virtual Interviews: Tips for Medical School Applicants](#)



ECFMG Pathways

CS cancellation resulted in ECFMG creating new requirements to satisfy the clinical and communication skills required for ECFMG Certification

- Occupational English Test (taken by student) (\$455)
 - Can be taken at a test center or online (limited availability)
 - Native English-speakers failed the exam in 2021
- Clinical Skills Attestation Form (submitted by school)
 - Students must pass Kaplan Clinical Skills Assessment
 - AUC will use exam to complete Clinical Skills Attestation form, which is uploaded to ECFMG
- Apply for a Pathway (\$900)
 - Failure to apply to the Pathway will result in withdrawal from NRMP and were not able to participate in the Main Match or SOAP

[ECFMG Certification Requirements for 2022 Match](#) | **AUC's Pathway Communication (Coming Soon)**



Additional Resources

ECFMG

Introduction to Application Process

ECHO

Residency Application Support from ECFMG

NRMP

How the Match works, Rank Order List and Residency Data

OCA Web Page

AUC and non-AUC resources, MSPE Letter, Personal Statement and CV Samples

[Schedule an Appointment](#) | OCA@aucmed.edu