



Nuts and Bolts of the Match Process: ERAS, NRMP, MSPE and Other Important Acronyms

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Key Elements of the Match Process

- Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) or Early Match/San Francisco Match
- Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE)
- Residency Interviews
- Decision-Making/Rank Order (NRMP)



Alphabet Soup

- **ERAS** (Electronic Residency Application Service)
- **Early/San Francisco Match**
- **MSPE** (Medical Student Performance Evaluation) (formerly the Dean's Letter)
- **NRMP** (National Residency Matching Program)



ERAS: What you'll be doing

- Steps in the ERAS process
<http://www.aamc.org/students/eras/usemyeras/start.htm>
- ERAS is one common application to all programs
- Token (password) distributed by ASA
- Create application over time – save your work.



What you'll be doing, continued

- Request transcripts when instructed to do so (usually mid September) from UNR Admissions and Records -
Download on the SOM Website:
<http://www.unr.edu/med/dept/asa/students/downloads/transrequest.pdf>
- User's Guide online
- Worksheet - [available online](#)



ERAS: What we'll be doing

- Collecting letters of recommendation (submitted directly to the Office of Student Affairs in Reno or LV)
- Scanning photos into your application
- Uploading your MSPE/Dean's letter to your ERAS application



Components of ERAS Application

- Standardized Info
 - Common application form
 - MSPE
 - Academic transcript
 - Photo
- Individualized Info
 - Personal statement
 - USMLE transcript
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Maximum of four assigned to each program

QUICK STATS

common application form:	- submitted
program applications:	- applications sent
message center:	- no new messages

- Times when MyERAS is closed for maintenance
- MyERAS Tips
- Information about browsers
- Where should you start?
- What about extra documents?

MyERAS Home Page

Each time an applicant logs in, they will arrive at the Home Page.

They should check here for alerts and notification of e-mail messages in the Message Center

Profile information should be kept up-to-date through the Application Season

First Name: Susan *
Middle Name:
Last Name: Siegel *
Suffix: I
Previous Last Name:
Contact Email: ssiegel@aamc.org *
Confirm Email: ssiegel@aamc.org *
SSN:
Canadian SIN:

Present Mailing Address:

Country: United States Of America *
Street Address: 123 Elm Street *
City: Bethesda *
State/Province: Maryland
Zip/Postal Code: 20814
Preferred Phone: 3015554444 *
Pager:
Alternate Phone:
Mobile:
Fax:

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen *
Current Visa: Not Applicable

Expected Visa (the visa you expect to hold during residency):

- B-1 - Temporary visitor for business
- B-2 - Temporary visitor for pleasure
- F-1 - Academic student
- F-2 - Spouse or child of F-1
- H-1 - Temporary worker
- H-1B - Specialty occupation, DoD worker, etcetera
- H-2B - Temporary worker- skilled and unskilled
- H-4 - Spouse or child of H-1, H-2, H-3
- J-1 - Visa for exchange visitor
- J-2 - Spouse or child of J-1
- O-1 - Extraordinary ability in sciences, arts, education, business or athletics
- TN - NAFTA trade visa for Canadians and Mexicans
- E-2 - Treaty investor, spouse and children
- Diplomatic Service
- Immigrant
- EAD-Employment Authorization
- Other

select all that may apply

Profile- pt 1

The Profile provides information that applicants can update at any time during the application process, even after the application has been certified and released to ERAS.



ERAS Application

- Page One: General Information
- Page Two: Education (include only higher education)
- Page Three: Medical Education
- Page Four: Current/Prior Training
- Page Five: Experience(s)
- Page Six: Publications
- Page Six: Publications
- Page Seven: Examinations
- Page Eight: Medical Licensure
- Page Nine: State Medical Licenses
- Page Ten: Race
- Page Eleven: Ethnicity
- Page Twelve: Miscellaneous



Words of caution...

- Be sure you are ready to submit the information before assigning information (letters of recommendation, USMLE transcripts and personal statements) to a program. **The information can be de-assigned but the program may have already downloaded it.**



And...

- While ERAS is a great system and will help you organize the process, ***it is your responsibility to know the deadlines for programs. Deadlines vary significantly so be sure to check with each of the programs to which you're applying.***



General Information

Name:	<i>Osteopathic, Susan</i>	ID#:	2006100003
Previous Last Name:		AAMC ID:	44444444
School:	<i>Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine Clinical Campus: 999</i>		
Email:	<i>ssiegel@aamc.org</i>		
Gender:	<i>Female</i>	AUA:	20053333
Birthdate:	<i>07/01/1979</i>	NRMP:	<i>Yes</i>
Birth place:	<i>Fairfax, VA</i>	Couples Match Notification:	<i>Yes</i>
SSN:		Partner's Name:	Smith
SIN:		Specialties Partner is applying to:	<i>Dynatics</i>
Citizenship:	<i>Foreign National</i>	USMLE ID:	8-888-888-8
Visa type:	<i>B-1 - Temporary visitor for business</i>	NBOME ID:	121021
Expected Visa type(s):	<i>B-1 - Temporary visitor for business</i>		
Race:	<i>No Answer</i>		
Ethnicity:	<i>No Answer</i>		
Present Mailing Address:	<i>124 Elm Bethesda, MD</i>		
Preferred Phone #:	<i>1111111111</i>	Permanent Mailing Address:	<i>123 Elm Street Apt. 23 Bethesda, MD 3333</i>
Alternate Phone #:	<i>2222222222</i>	Phone #:	<i>301-555-1234</i>
Mobile Phone #:	<i>5555555555</i>		
Pager #:	<i>4444444444</i>		
Fax #:	<i>3333333333</i>		

Application CAF – pt 1

Here is an example of a printed
Common Application Form.



Documents

- Personal Statement
- Letters of Recommendation
- USMLE Transcript

[Create a Personal Statement](#)

[EDIT / VIEW PS1 - Personal Statement for New York programs](#) [\[print ps\]](#) [\[assignments\]](#)

[EDIT / VIEW PS2 - Statement for OBGYN programs](#) [\[print ps\]](#) [\[assignments\]](#)

Personal Statement

Main Page

Personal Statement Title:

(Enter a title that helps identify your personal statement - programs will not see this title)

Personal Statement for New York program

Personal Statement Content:

Note: If you are cutting and pasting text, please be careful to do so from a TEXT file. [Read more about this...](#)

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save cancel delete

Personal Statement

Create Page

[Designate a New Letter or Recommendation Writer](#)

- [Edit / View LoR Writer #1 - Dr. Eric Harrison, Dept. Head - Radiology](#) [[print cover letter](#)] [[Assignments](#)]
- [Edit / View LoR Writer #2 - Dr. Robert Siegel, Assistant Professor of Surgery](#) [[print cover letter](#)] [[Assignments](#)]
- [Edit / View LoR Writer #3 - Dr. Benita Howard, Department of Surgery](#) [[print cover letter](#)] [[Assignments](#)]

Letter of Recommendation

Main Page

[Request USMLE Transcript](#)

[[Assignments](#)]

What you need to know about USMLE Transcripts . .

The authorization and distribution of your USMLE transcript is a four-step process. You need to:

1. Verify that the correct USMLE ID is in My Profile.
2. Authorize the release of your transcript.
3. Decide whether you want to have it resent automatically when a new score is available.
4. Assign your transcript to your programs. (In MyPrograms - Selected)

USMLE

Main Page
Note: Automatic release versus student assignment of test results.



Program Selection

- Search Programs
- Select Programs
- Apply to Programs
- Assign Documents to Programs
- Pay fees

[Account](#) [Application](#) [Documents](#) [Programs](#) [Help](#)[Home](#) [Search Programs](#) [Programs selected](#) [Programs applied to](#) [Preview Invoice](#) [Apply to Programs](#) [Invoice History](#) [Assignments Report](#)**QUICK STATS**

Number of Programs Selected:	6
Number of Programs Applied to:	3

Applying to Programs

1. Search and Select Programs
2. Assign Documents and Select types of training
3. Apply to Programs

How do I . . . ?

- How do I assign Letters to a program?
- How do I change a document assignment?
- How do I find a program?
- How do I change a document assignment?

Programs

Main page for where applicants begin selecting and applying to programs.

ACGME ID:

State & Specialty:
Connecticut
Family Medicine

There are 3 matches found :

- [University of Connecticut/Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center Program](#), Hartford, CT
ACGME ID: 1200821076, Family Medicine
- Family Medicine (Categorical)
- [Middlesex Hospital Program](#), Middletown, CT
ACGME ID: 1200821077, Family Medicine
- Primary Care (Categorical)
- [Stamford Hospital/Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons Program in Family Practice](#), Stamford, CT
ACGME ID: 1200811078, Family Medicine
- Categorical

Program Selection

Residency

Search by ACGME ID or by State and Specialty.

Click on the link to select the program.



ERAS Fees

- **Number of Programs Per Specialty/Accrediting Body (ACGME or AOA) ERAS Fees**
 - Up to 10 \$60
 - 11-20 \$8 each
 - 21-30 \$15 each
 - 31 or more \$25 each



Early Match/San Francisco Match

- <http://www.sfmitch.org> Link from SOM website
- Earlier deadlines than ERAS
- Disciplines include:
 - Ophthalmology



Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE)

- Also known as the Dean's Letter
- Format for Appointments
- What to expect
- How to prepare – what to submit to Brandi in advance
- Sign up early for your appointment via survey monkey.
- Check out the SOM website:
http://www.unr.edu/med/dept/asa/students/4thyear_residency_mspe.htm



CV and Personal Statement

- Update current resume
- Complete the biographical information form
- Review other CVs for ideas on format and content
- [Online resources at SOM](#)



Great Resources

- Iserson's Getting into a Residency: A guide for medical students. Iserson, 2003.
- Resumes and Personal Statements for Health Professionals. Tysinger, 1999.
- Careers in Medicine (CiM)
<http://www.aamc.org/students/cim/>

Contact the Office of Student Affairs if you've lost your password to log onto the site.



More Great Resources

SOM Website

- 4th Year Timeline
- Residency Interviewing Strategies/Questions
- ERAS Procedures

Specialty resources pages:

- Alumni contacts, academics of UNSOM grads and nationally.



ERAS vs NRMP

Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS)

- Online site for all application materials
- MyERAS opens July 1st
- Programs can begin downloading applications Sept 1st

www.aamc.org/audience/eras.htm

National Residency Matching Program (NRMP)

- Online site to match students and residency programs
- Separate registration required, and more fees!
- Match Day is March 18th

www.nrmp.org/



About the Boards...

- Two parts of Step 2: Clinical Knowledge (CK) and Clinical Skills (CS)
- Importance of taking Step 2 CK by December
- Register for Step 2 CS by mid September to insure a test date by December 31, 2009. By taking the test by December 31 you should have scores available by the rank order list deadline for NRMP.



Support Services

- Reno and Las Vegas
- Initial registration/tokens
- Photographs
- MSPE
- Complementary CV and personal statement review
- Letters of Recommendation
 - Guidance and scanning of letters
 - Download Cover Sheets: SOM Website Forms page



Keep in touch!

- Keep your address/email and telephone numbers up to date with our department.