

Keck School of Medicine of USC

KSOM Co2025 CAREER ADVISING NEWSLETTER September 6th, 2024

UPDATES

#GetYourMatch2025 Pulse Check



Internal Keck School of Medicine Deadlines:

PSCA/Anesth Programs participating in CAS:
September 6th, 2024

- Have everything ready to go to submit today (Sept 6) so that once letters are uploaded, you can officially submit your application

NRMP Opens for Registration- September 16

Internal deadline to certify and submit to ERAS/ResidencyCAS: September 16 (after you register for NRMP ID)

- Only exception are people awaiting AOA status

Altus/CASPER Reminders

There are 2 Remaining dates for Altus/CASPER

- 9/19 and 10/3

Please refer to the website for details:

<https://my.acuityinsights.app/dates-times>

- Supplemental materials – be on the lookout
 - Some specialties/programs may reach out to you after receiving your application and ask you to submit additional short answer responses

- Altus/CASPER situational judgment tests

- May be employed by some programs in certain specialties*
 - Anesthesiology (8)
 - Internal Medicine (3)
 - Interventional Radiology (1)
 - OB/Gyn (9)
 - Surgery (2)
 - Urology (1)

- \$85 fee; specific dates to sign up for and complete on 9/5, 9/19, or 10/3

- <https://my.acuityinsights.app/dates-times>

*number of programs participating as of 06/04/2024

Application
"Extras"



Geo Preference and Program Signal Webinar Resources & Make-Up Assignment

Slide Deck and Recording:

Please review the [slide deck](#) for the Geo Preference and Program Signaling Webinar on August 22nd at 5pm. You may review a recording of the webinar [here](#).

Make-up assignment details:

If you were not present for the Geo Preferences webinar, or we only recorded your attendance for 30 minutes or less.

Please complete the make-up assignment below no later than **Friday, September 6th at 11:59pm**. <https://forms.gle/9vBQnqZ8JmVaYoAu7>

Anesthesiology Central App FAQ's



September 16th Submission Deadline

- CentralApp will release applications (minus the MSPE) to program directors on September 16. The MSPE will be released in accordance with the ERAS timeline (9/25).
- Regarding Keck Internal deadlines: We have suggested an internal deadline of September 6th so we have time to intervene and advocate on your behalf if anything comes up like missing letters/unresponsive letter writers, for example.

Using Both CentralApp and ERAS

- Per CentralApp, this is something that is determined at the program level. We also reached out to the President of the Association of Anesthesiology Core Program Directors to ask for specialty-wide guidance, and his response was that applicants should use BOTH CentralApp and ERAS.

Do experiences used in ERAS and CentralApp need to be the same, or can you use different experiences. Does it matter?

- Should not matter. There are different sections in CAS, so pay attention to paid vs non-paid experiences sections.
- If you have questions, or would like us to review entries, we can do that via zoom or you can send us screenshots as we do not get access to the CAS system like we do with ERAS.

Suggested LOA writer deadline for submitting to CentralApp?

- September 6th is a good deadline to make sure its processed in time. Remember, you cannot submit your application without all materials.

Can you pick which schools get letters, or do all letters go to all schools?

- All letters go to all schools.

Entering Coursework in CentralApp, what is considered "Please list your non-core clerkship graded courses completed during your clinical years at your home institution"

- Yes, included all electives, selective, research etc - all coursework you received credit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mock Residency Interviews

REGISTRATION DEADLINE TODAY!

Connect with Keck School of Medicine of USC alumni as you prepare for your residency interviews to help familiarize you with the process, evaluate nonverbal cues, verbal responses to provided questions, and submit feedback.

Event: Mock Residency Interviews

Date: Ongoing through October Location: **Virtual or In-Person**

Student Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/Xmb8dfH7P7KqogH99>

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 6, 2024

- You may sign up for multiple interviews. Once paired with an alum, you schedule a meeting and conduct a 30–45-minute mock interview at a time that is mutually agreed upon.
- Interviews will consist of 20-30 minutes of questions, followed by 10-15 minutes of feedback from the alumni interviewer.

For general questions, please email: KSOMalumni@usc.edu

Save the Date! Saturday, October 5th Mock Interview Symposium

- **Saturday, October 5th Mock Interview Symposium (virtual)**
 - To help prepare you and emulate a virtual interview experience
 - Details to be announced

REMINDERS

1:1 Residency Application Review Meetings with Dr. Zia



Schedule an **optional** 20-minute meeting with Dr. Zia when your materials are nearly finalized.

Couples Match Alert: When you and your partner have your program list ready, you are **required** to meet with Dr. Zia for a check-in.

Dual Applicant Alert: Dual Applicants are **required** to meet with Dr. Zia for a check-in.

- **Co2025 Residency Applicant Bookings**
[link](#)
- **Upload materials for review** [here](#)
 - Upload materials to this link at least **1 day before the meeting**
 - Please note, **this is not the same link to upload your CV/PS**

Scheduling/Cancellation Policy:
If you need to reschedule an appointment, ensure you remember to cancel the appointment at least **4 hours in advance**.

Please be mindful of the time zone when scheduling an appointment if you are not in PST. Ensure you attend your appointment at the correct time.

MSPE Review Questions?

Please refer to the email sent by Teresa Cook on August 20th, 2024 for more information regarding MSPE review and transcript upload updates.

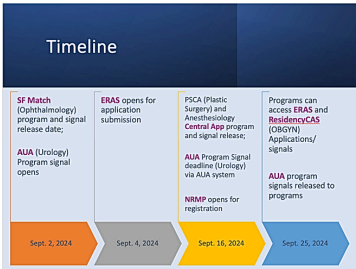
MSPE Reviews take place in KAM 218

Where Should I Be in the Application Process?

Task	Action	Status
Specialty	If not finalized, meet with Career Advising Team ASAP	Completed
Letter writers	Should have submitted LOR packet to confirmed writers. Should have packet prepared for future rotation writers.	In Progress
NWC's (Req)	If not submitted, reach out to Mandy Garcia about how to submit	Completed
CV	Too late to submit, focus on 10 Experiences	Completed
Personal Statement	Near Final Draft	In Progress
Experiences/Most Meaningful	Should be inputted in the application platform, ready to print review. Review #GetYourMatch2025 email for FAQs.	In Progress
1:1 Advising Meetings w/Dr. Zia (Req)	Get on it, ASAP. Potential referral for Professionalism.	Completed
ERAS Photo	If taking your own, follow ERAS directions	Completed
Program List	Researching, Curating, Identifying Signals	In Progress
Check-in with Departmental Specialty Advisor	Should now be reviewing signals and near final applications.	In Progress
Interview Prep	Complete Big Interview Medical question sets. Consider signing up for a mock interview with alumni.	In Progress
Residency Application Review Meetings with Dr. Zia (optional)	Schedule a 20-minute meeting with Dr. Zia to review your near-finalized materials (Aug/Sept)	In Progress

Completed In Progress

Residency Application Timelines



2025 ERAS® Residency Timeline

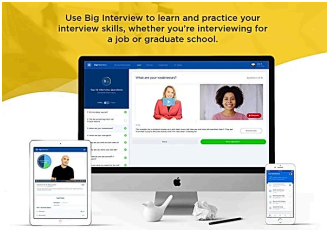
Review a timeline for applying for residency positions using the ERAS® system for the 2025 application season.

Date	Activity
May 31, 2024	2024 ERAS season ends at 5 p.m. ET.
June 5, 2024	2025 ERAS season begins at 9 a.m. ET.
Sept. 4, 2024	Residency applicants may begin submitting MyERAS® applications to programs at 9 a.m. ET.
Sept. 25, 2024	Residency programs may begin reviewing MyERAS applications and MSPEs in the PDWS at 9 a.m. ET.
May 31, 2025	2025 ERAS season ends at 5 p.m. ET.

ERAS
Workshop
Resources

- Recording [Link](#)
- ERAS Workshop [PDF](#)

Big Interview
Medical



The first step in your Interview Prep:

- Create your account: [BigInterviewMedical](#)
- Complete curated question sets below by entering the access codes on the assignments page
- You can share the recordings to get feedback from each other, mentors, specialty advisors or the career advising team:
 - Warm Up (access code: 2d8d90)
 - Research (access code: b6080d)
 - Challenges (access code: 6a1ce0)
 - Left Field (access code: 8a9382)
 - Curveballs (access code: 491abe)

NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE

To review full details from previous newsletters:

- [Sway Newsletters: January 2024-May 2024](#)
- [Career Advising Newsletter: July 12, 2024](#)
- [Career Advising Newsletter: July 19, 2024](#)
- [Career Advising Newsletter: August 09, 2024](#)
- [Career Advising Newsletter: August 16, 2024](#)
- [Career Advising Newsletter: August 23, 2024](#)

MEET OUR TEAM



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