

Please update [Interview Survey](#)

**Data helps with
trends and
advising for
subsequent years**

**Thanks in
advance!**



A couple things before we get started....

- **GQ – launches February 14**
 - Be on the lookout from Dr. Price-Johnson for topics and more information
- **Gold Humanism**
 - If you are a member of the Gold Humanism society, please see Anthony in KAM 100 to pick up your GHHS packet and pin.



Rank Order List Workshop Class of 2025

January 13, 2025



As you finish up your interview season....

congratulations



**on getting to
this next stage
of the process!**

Rank Order List Certification Deadlines


January 31, 2025: Standard NRMP Registration Deadline (\$50 late fee thereafter)

February 3, 2025: Ranking begins at 9:00am PST

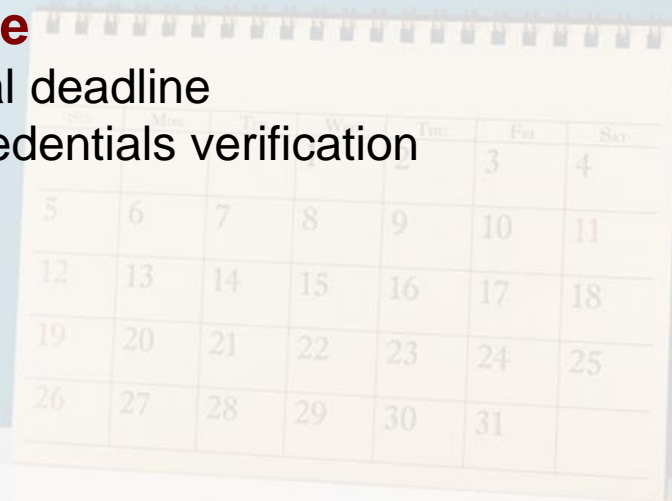
- Register with NRMP system if you haven't already
 - **\$50 late registration fee after January 31st**

March 5, 2025, 6:00pm PST: rank list deadline

- Applicant late registration and Match withdrawal deadline
- Medical school student/graduate graduation credentials verification deadline

 **March 17, 2025:** Match Status released

March 21, 2025: Match day (results released)



****Submit your rank list earlier!****

Rank Fees

- \$70 - [NRMP Rank Fees](#) Include:
 - As applicable, up to 20 unique programs included for supplemental rank list (prelim program rank list)
- \$30 per Additional programs beyond 20
- Additional fees if ranking 100+ programs
- \$45 per partner participating in Couples match

How the Match Algorithm Works



HOW THE MATCHING ALGORITHM WORKS



Match Advice

- Rank based on **YOUR** desires & preferences instead of what you think you will get
- Rank **ALL** programs where you interviewed (and where you did not receive a rejection for prelim surgery)
- When deciding not to rank a program, consider:
“Would I rather not be a [insert specialty] than go to the program?”

Match Advice – Rank Lists

- **February 3:** you can start filling in your rank lists
- **Save and Certify your list frequently** – your last certified list is what will be transmitted
- Meet with Career Advising team or Specialty Advisor to go over your rank list.
 - *Can remove USC from the list when meeting with Specialty Advisor.*

***February 14:** Internal deadline to submit your final list*
(recommended)

SOAP Advice

Don't use SOAP as a match strategy



If you are worried about your rank strategy, you should meet with Dr. Zia.

SOAP is NOT a BACK-UP nor a STRATEGY

- Why not?
 - Many emotions
 - Many quick decisions to deliberate
 - There are NO guarantees with securing a position
 - May not be in your preferred locations/specialties
 - Rules of engagement in SOAP

Match Contingency Planning

- Please
 - Please fill out the survey [here](#).

Match Contingency Planning

- If you would, what would you do?
 - Delay Graduation* (research year or dual degree, if eligible)
 - Apply to available programs in same specialty?
 - Apply to specialty with open positions?
 - Apply to prelim positions?
 - Graduate, take Step 3, and reapply
 - I won't pursue medicine
 - Other (please elaborate)

Please tell us [here](#).

*not applicable to all

What happens if you need to SOAP?

- Student affairs leadership, career advising team, and well-being team will be on hand to help and support you:
 - Process everything
 - Discuss options
 - Strategize next steps
- Report to KAM 100 - we will be here to help guide you through SOAP
- You will receive detailed instructions later.

Just in case....

- SOAP starts Monday of Match week, March 17, 2025
 - [SOAP Schedule 2025](#)
- You will receive detailed instructions later
- Identify a classmate to designate as your SOAP buddy
- You will have short period of time to apply to 45 programs, maybe in a new or different specialty
- Report to KAM 100—We will help
- **No one can contact any programs until you apply and they contact you first**
- Thursday: hopefully offers (4 rounds)
- Need to make quick decisions

What to rank first and last

- Go with your gut
- Where will you be comfortable and happy
- Will your program directors have your back?
- Do you like the residents and trust them with sign out?
- How much weight to give geography/family
- Ranking “community” vs “academic”
- Do not rely on what programs tell you
- **Only YOU see your final rank list.** It does not matter how far down you go. In the end, when you match, you will be one step closer to being a board certified physician in your specialty!

What do I do now?

- Communicate with programs (as allowed)
- Second looks, as desired/feasible (if offered)
- Check in with faculty advisors
- Check in with mentors
- Go over rank lists with advisors or us if you want (not required). **For faculty advisors, remove USC from your list for the discussion. You decide if you want to share your list and/or where USC is on your list.**
- Keep an eye on your schedules. You still need to graduate
- Substances - legal or not
- Ask if you have questions

Thank You's, Letters of Intent, and Post-Interview Communication

- Follow whatever instructions were communicated to you by the program—DO NOT communicate with them if they have asked you not to reach out
- Personalized sentiments (generic can hurt you)
- +/- Advisors depending on comfort level/relationship with program
- Responding to programs who reach out to you:
 - Be gracious, no matter where you will be ranking the program

Match Day

Friday, March 21, 2025

- Pappas Quad
- You are excused from clinical rotations that day
- More details to come!



Match Monday...What to Expect

- Check in with your Match Buddy
 - Let Randy know if you haven't heard from your Match Buddy
- Instructions on what to do after receiving results (matched or not)

What Questions do you have?

[Interview Survey](#)



Resources

- [2025 Match Applicant Checklist](#)
- [NRMP: How to Enter/Certify a ROL](#)
- [Evaluating programs to curate your rank order list](#) (CiM resources)

Videos:

- [Creating a Supplemental Rank Order List](#)
- [Couples Match in NRMP](#)

Scheduling

To meet with Dr. Zia about [couples match](#) (45 min) or prelim program rank strategy* (20 min) – fill out this [Rank Strategy Meeting w/Dr. Zia Request](#)

--Roland will email with further instructions

--*priority to those applying into multiple specialties or specialties with advanced/prelim/categorical programs

To meet with Randy and Sam about Rank list Strategy – [click here](#)