

Checklist: ERAS/Main Match

JANUARY to MARCH	
Specialty Choice	<input type="checkbox"/> Work toward identifying/finalizing specialty choice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize AAMC Careers in Medicine Resources • Attend OSA Residency Application Workshops • Meet with Specialty Advisor(s), OSA, Senior Students/Alumni Network <p><i>Resources:</i> AAMC CiM (Log in required)</p>
ACP Scheduling	<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule the Advanced Clinical Phase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with Specialty Advisor(s), OSA Advisors, Senior Students/Alumni Network • Consult the SOM Renaissance Curriculum Graduation Requirements • Consider whether you plan to do any extramural (“away”) rotations. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to extramural rotations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend SOM Workshop: Extramural Rotations • Attest to review of Module/Workshop and contact OSA to get VSLO Token • Get a head start on vaccine requirements. • Work on a draft of a personal statement/letter of interest for extramural rotations <p><i>Resources:</i> SOM Academic Handbook, “Clinical Scheduling” and “Extramural Rotations” <i>Resources:</i> SOM Renaissance Curriculum Graduation Requirements <i>Workshop:</i> ACP Scheduling (12/9) – PPT/Recording <i>Workshop:</i> Extramural Rotations (12/9) - PPT/Recording</p>
USMLE Step 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule your USMLE Step 2 examination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we recommend taking no later than August 1, 2026 • expect results 4-8 weeks after your test date <p><i>Workshop:</i> Step 2 Registration and Timing (12/9) - PPT/Recording</p>
APRIL to JUNE	
Application Prep	<input type="checkbox"/> Update your CV <input type="checkbox"/> Begin to outline/draft your personal statement <input type="checkbox"/> Consider possible LoR writers <p><i>Resources:</i> SOM Residency Application Manual <i>Resources:</i> MyERAS Residency Application Guide <i>Resources:</i> AAMC How to Apply for Residency Positions <i>Workshop:</i> The Residency Application Overview (2/3, POM) <i>Workshop:</i> Watch the Personal Statement 101 Video and attend a Personal Statement Workshop (7/20, 8/17) <i>Workshop:</i> Revisit Mission/Branding (10/28, POM) - with Dr. Lumpkins</p>
OSA Advising	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend OSA Specialty Advising Sessions (April/May) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review specifics of applications by specialty including general application strategies, competitiveness of specialty, and unique application aspects for your specialty. <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule your personal (1:1) meeting with your OSA Advisor (May, Jun, Jul) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refine specialty choice, discuss Advanced Clinical Phase Schedule and review graduation requirements, review components of the residency application, discuss/review the MSPE, discuss application specifics including number of and which programs to apply to as well as contingency planning. <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss contingency planning

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Access MyERAS	<input type="checkbox"/> Access your MyERAS Application – OSA will issue token in April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access is limited to demographic information and LoR portal <input type="checkbox"/> Obtain your ERAS Photo – OSA will help schedule with SOM photographer
JUNE	
ERAS	<input type="checkbox"/> Being applying through the MyERAS Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERAS opens June 4 at 9 am EST • Begin working on your application (demographics, experiences, supporting documents) <p>ERAS Timeline is tentative and based on prior years Resources: ERAS Tools and Worksheets Workshop: Residency Application Workshop (6/2)</p>
Acuity Insights	Determine whether you will need to take CASPER/Acuity Insights (Specialty/Program specific). https://acuityinsights.app/
JUNE to AUGUST	
USMLE Step 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Take USMLE Step 2 (May, Jun, July) – last day to take August 1, 2026
Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Fine tune your MyERAS Application and supporting documents <input type="checkbox"/> Continue editing your Personal Statement (ensure multiple reviewers) <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm Letter Writers (recommend they submit by September 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Submit your Noteworthy Characteristics to OSA (June 16, 2026) <input type="checkbox"/> Review your MSPE for accuracy, spelling, grammar (August) <input type="checkbox"/> Choose/refine program list (using data from OSA/Specialty Advisors, Peer Advisors, National Resources) <input type="checkbox"/> Contact programs of interest (website/email) to confirm application requirements <p>Resources: AAMC Residency Explorer Resources: SOM Alumni Network (Access via MedScope Portfolio Career Tab)</p>
SEPTEMBER	
Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit MyERAS* Residency Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/2/2026 @ 9AM EST: Applicants can apply to programs • 9/23/2026 @ 9 AM EST: Programs can review applications – note that programs will see all applications at this time regardless of when applications are submitted; we recommend applying/certifying at least 48 hours prior to this time, but there is no specific benefit to applying/certifying earlier. • Double check that your application is complete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Release USMLE Transcripts <input type="checkbox"/> Upload your Photo <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to Programs – use all your available program signals <input type="checkbox"/> Assign documents (LoR, Personal Statement, Photo, USMLE Transcript) <i>NOTE: OSA will upload MSPE/Transcript – automatically sent to all programs</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Certify your application <input type="checkbox"/> Register for Thalamus <p>Resources: MyERAS Checklist; Thalamus Applicant Guide; ERAS Timeline</p>
SEPTEMBER to JANUARY	
NRMP / Match	<input type="checkbox"/> Register for NRMP Match Service - https://www.nrmp.org/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration opens September; standard registration ends Jan 31st <input type="checkbox"/> Learn how the Match works

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	<p><i>Resources:</i> NRMP Match Algorithm</p>
Interviews	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule and attend program interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview release date varies by specialty (some specialties/programs may release interviews immediately) • Interviews typically occur Oct-Jan and dates vary by specialty/program • Anticipate a potential mix of virtual and in-person interviews • Applicants should actively monitor email and interview broker programs <p><i>Resources:</i> SOM Residency Application Manual – “Interviews” <i>Resources:</i> SOM Mock Interview Program <i>Workshop:</i> Interview Preparedness <i>Workshop:</i> Post-Interview – Etiquette, Ranking, and More</p>
ACP Schedule	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Confirm final schedule and Graduation Requirements</p>
FEBRUARY	
Visit Days	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Attend optional program visit days</p>
Ranking	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Submit you Rank Order List through NRMP* R3 System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may begin submitting ROL (Feb 1 at Noon) • Deadline to submit the ROL End of (Mar 3 at 9 PM) • We recommend submitting at least 48 hours in advance <p>*NRMP Timeline is tentative and based on passed cycles <i>Resources:</i> NRMP Creating a ROL, Supplemental ROL, and Couples in the Match</p>
Tasks	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete the OSA Advising Survey – available after ROL deadline</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete the AAMC Graduation Questionnaire – opens 2/14</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Join the Alumni Network</p>
MARCH	
The Match	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Attend Mandatory Match Week Workshop (3/8)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Plan on being in Baltimore for the entirety of Match Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match week is the third week in March • Monday 3/15/2027 students will receive notification of Match status • Unmatched students should report to OSA <p><input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate Match Day – Friday March 19, 2027 – with Family & Friends at M&T Bank Exchange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should anticipate hearing from programs shortly after Match <p><i>Resources:</i> Match Week Schedule <i>Resources:</i> NRMP SOAP</p>
APRIL to JUNE	
Post Match	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Transition to Residency (April)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete Financial Aid Exit Counseling</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check your transcript for completion of graduation requirements</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Order Graduation Regalia (April)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete Licensure and Verification Paperwork – OSA can assist</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prepare to Move if Applicable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Join the Alumni Network</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete the AAMC Graduation Questionnaire</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Senior Year Events</p>

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate Commencement with Family and Friends – TBD
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*Dates are subject to change; confirm with primary source