

OSA S.T.E.P.S. to Success



January: Looking Ahead to MATCH

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OSA STEPS to Success

- S. Self-Assessment
- T. Target Specialty
- E. Experience
- P. Preparation & Planning
- S. Strategy Execution

NRMP

- [Registration](#)
- [Match Timeline](#)
- [Match Process](#)
- [Ranking Programs](#)

ERAS Resources

- [Thalamus Reference Guide](#)
- [Thalamus mobile app](#)

ResidencyCAS Resources

- [Interview Portal](#)

Interview Resources

- [AAMC Interview Resources](#)
- [SOM Interview Resources](#)

Upcoming Important Dates!

Jan 22	SF Match Rank Order Lists are due at 12 pm
Jan 29	SF Match Results released at 5 am
Jan 30	Last day to register for NRMP without additional fees
Feb 2	AJA Match Results released
Mar 4	NRMP/The Match Rank Order List Certification Deadline at 9 pm
Mar 9	MANDATORY – SOM Match Week Workshop at 4:30 pm (Virtual)
Mar 20	NRMP/The Match Results released at Noon (Match Day!)

**Download the complete [Match Week/SOAP calendar](#).*

Creating Your Rank Order Lists – Tips and Reminders

- Understand the [Match process](#) and how the algorithm works for you!
- Rank programs in your true order of preference
- Rank all programs where you interviewed (unless you would rather go unmatched than be a particular program)
- Do NOT rank programs where you did not interview
- Confirm that your NRMP ID is linked to ERAS or ResidencyCAS
- **Come by OSA – we would be happy to talk through your list with you!**

Additional Resources:

[SOM RAM – The Match/Rank Order Lists](#)

[SOM RAM – Couples in the Match](#) and [NRMP Resources for Couples](#)



Supplemental Rank Order Lists

If your application includes PGY-1 (preliminary or transitional year) programs, be sure you understand how to create a [supplemental rank order list](#). Supplemental lists are only used for **Advanced (“A”) programs**. For each Advanced program on your primary rank order list, you’ll rank the corresponding PGY-1 programs on a supplemental list.

Note: If you are ranking preliminary programs as a backup plan, include them on your primary rank order list. Please discuss this approach with an OSA Dean.

Additional Resources:

[NRMP Supplemental Rank Order Lists](#)

[RAM: Preliminary and TY Programs](#)

Save the Date: Match Day 2026

Congratulations to our Military matches!

Save the date for the **2026 Match Day Celebration!** Join us for a festive reception celebrating Match Day on **Friday, March 20, 2026** from **10:30 am – 1:00 pm** at the **M&T Bank Exchange** at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center (401 W. Fayette St). Information on registration is coming soon.

OSA Insider Podcasts

[Apple Podcasts](#)

E120: IM PD Dr. Baek

E119: Applying to Residency

E118: Applying to Residency

How Can OSA Help You?

Match/Graduation Events

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Graduation Requirements

Now is a great time to review your schedule and ensure you're on track to meet graduation requirements. **Degree Works** is a comprehensive, user-friendly dashboard to track your academic progress and plan remaining coursework.

Note: The **MedScope Graduation Tracker** is **not accurate or up to date**.

Resources:

[Degree Works Dashboard](#)

[Class of 2026 graduation requirements](#)

Pay it Forward

Update **MedScope Interview Tracker** and help OSA support future applicants, providing them with the same data you received.

Sign up for the **SOM Alumni Network** to mentor future generations (sign up through your Career Tab on MedScope, “Alumni Mentor”/”New”

