Clerkship Resources

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Career Planning Toolkit

- AMA FREIDA Online: ACGME Residency & Fellowship Research Tool
- AAMC Careers in Medicine
- AOA Opportunities
- Clinical Enrichment Experience Information & Form
- Curriculum Vitae & Personal Statement Resources
- ERAS Application Template
- ERAS Participating Specialties and Programs
- ERAS Tools and Worksheets for Residency Applicants
- MSUCOM Match Statistics
- NRMP Results and Data Main Residency Match
  This document has the results from the 2018 NRMP Match and can help you determine areas/programs in which you’d like to seek a residency position.
- Results of the 2016 NRMP Program Director Survey
  This report examines the factors program directors use to select applicants to interview and rank.
- Sample MSPE Letter
- Specialty Resources
Specialty Resources

Each of these links will direct you to a specialty specific guide to help you create the best application for your specialty of interest.
Required Clerkship Communication

• Survey detailing:
  • Application strategy
  • Number of applications you are submitting
  • Specialty(ies) you are interested in
  • Military Status
  • Canadian Status
AAMC Careers in Medicine

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### Clerkship Career Planning Timeline

**Year 3**

#### Choosing a Specialty
- Career Planning Webinar
- Begin clinical rotations and request letters of recommendation [see page 8 of Residency Guide](#).
- Consider keeping a journal of your clerkship experiences to aid in composing your Personal Statement; write about pivotal moments, influential and motivational patient experiences; aspects of specialties you enjoy or find inspiring; personal strengths you bring to a specialty. Think more deeply about your specialty choices; research desirable qualifications and competitiveness. (To receive a copy of our Official Competitiveness Data, email ac.guide@msu.edu.)
- Complete the on-line MSUCOM/Specialty Rotation Comparison Form for specialties of interest.
- Research desirable qualifications and competitiveness for specialties (use COM, competitiveness tab under each specialty).
- Update CV to include relevant information from Year 3. Provide CV to authors of letters of recommendation. [CV Template in Word](#).
- Complete the Specialty Indecision Scale Assessment in Careers in Medicine if you are having a difficult time narrowing down your specialty choices or unsure of your competitiveness, then schedule an appointment with a career advisor.
- Watch ERAS webinar provided by Career Guidance in Spring Semester.
- Determine the best timeframe in which to take COMLEX Level 2 CE & PE (and USMLE Step 2 CK & CS, if you elect) and select your test dates. Dates fill quickly. For help selecting a test date, see page 15 the MSUCOM.COM/EXAM/USMLE Guide.
- Participate in Clinical Enrichment experiences outside of rotations. These experiences can be used to get more exposure to a specialty in a variety of practice settings, give you the chance to check out a program and/or get “face time” at a program and will be listed on your MSPE.
- Draft Personal Statement for review by a Career Advisor [ac.guide@msu.edu](mailto:ac.guide@msu.edu), mentor, friend, or faculty. Start early!
- Research residency positions and programs:
  - AOA – [click here](#)
  - ACGME – [click here](#)
  - Careers in Medicine – [click here](#) (you must log in)
- Having difficulty narrowing your options or unsure of your competitiveness? Meet with a career advisor to discuss top choices.

#### Getting into Residency
- Update Specialty Preferences form as needed. Verify program requirements with Program Director.
- Schedule “audition” rotations at your top-choice programs for August-December of 4th year. AOA programs interview earlier than NRMP; check program due dates. Ask attending about his or her expectations of you and regularly ask for feedback (don’t wait for them to offer). Let program director know of your interest in the program. Send thank you after the rotation. Don’t be shy and reserved. Be memorable, in a good way. Find a trusted senior resident or physician to mentor you.
- NRMP Prism App – [click here](#)
- Utilize the on line [Audition Rotation/Residency Program Tracking Spreadsheet](#) under the Career Guidance website (save to your desktop and complete as you finish rotations.)
- Complete clinical enrichment experiences outside of rotations as a way to get “face time” in program if unable to audition.
- Take COMLEX level 2 CE & PE. Most programs require that you take and pass before they’ll rank you. If you didn’t do well on COMLEX Level 1, a good score on COMLEX Level 2CE is even more important. (See page 17 of the COMLEX/USMLE Guide.)
- Be aware of applicable early match deadlines: SF Match and Military Match.
- Register with ERAS. Begin uploading documents (CV, personal statements, etc.) and applying to residency programs. **[KNOW YOUR DEADLINES]** (View presentation by MSUCOM).

**Year 4**

#### Matching
- REGISTER FOR MATCH(ES)
  - AOA (early June) – [click here](#)
  - NRMP (Late August) – [click here](#)
- Interview with residency programs (Aug – Nov of 4th year). Send follow-up correspondence to appropriate individuals.
- MSPE (a.k.a. Dean’s Letter) released October 1.
- Rate programs using the official Rank Order List (ROL)
- AOA ROL Submission Begins: January 2019; ROL Deadline: January 2019; AOA Match: February 2019
- ACGME ROL Submission Begins: January 2019; ROL Deadline: February 2019; The Main Match: March 2019

#### POST-MATCH INFORMATION
- AOA SCRAMBLE – [click here](#) and scroll to the bottom & [click here](#) – it’s up to you to continually monitor this site.
- SCRAMBLE TOOLKIT – [click here](#)
- ACGME SOAP (Supplemental Offer & Acceptance Program) – [click here](#)
ERAS Access

• In June between 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} year you will receive limited access to ERAS so you can begin requesting LoRs

• In June between 3\textsuperscript{rd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} year you will receive full access to ERAS so you can complete your application and begin applying
Building a Strong Residency Application

1. Select specialty
2. Research residency programs
3. Select appropriate audition rotations
4. Apply to programs via ERAS
5. Interview
6. Rank programs
7. Match
Sample ERAS Application

ERAS 2018 MyERAS Application Worksheet

This worksheet may be printed and used to begin completing your MyERAS application off-line. All required fields are highlighted in red and marked with an asterisk. Please note, that some of these fields are required only in certain circumstances.

Personal Information

Contact Information

First Name*
Middle Name
Last Name*
Previous Last Name
Suffix
Preferred Name
Last 4 digits of SSN

Preferred Phone*
Mobile Phone
Alternate Phone
Fax
Pager
Email*

Address

Current Mailing Address

Address 1*
Address 2
Country*
State*
City* (Required for U.S. & Canadian addresses)
Postal Code

Is your permanent address the same as your current mailing address?* ☐ Yes ☐ No

Permanent Address

Address 1
Address 2
Country
Navigating the Road to Residency

From mapping biochemical pathways in year one to finding your way in clerkship, you must navigate the road to residency. The information and resources provided in this document will help you along your journey during your final year of medical school.
Mentors

• Canadian student mentors
• Military mentors
• Residency mentors

If you’d like to get in touch with a mentor please email: AC.Guidance@hc.msu.edu
New Academic and Career Guidance Video Series

- **Career Video Series**
  - Selecting a Specialty, Parallel Plans, Creating a Competitive Application, Addressing Red Flags on Your Application, Researching Residency Programs, Understanding Audition Rotations

- **Board Prep Video Series**
  - Scheduling COMLEX Level 2CE and PE
Student Services Bi-Weekly Newsletter

MSUCOM Class of 2020
Student Services Newsletter

What will you find in this newsletter?
- Emergency Assistance is Always Available
- IMPORTANT COMSAE INFORMATION
- Delay in Reporting Step 1 Scores
- 2018 MATCH Data and Results
- Medical School Creates Division of Mindfulness
- Dr. J. Gustakunst Office Hours
- Kaplan Medical FREE Online Events
- COMSAE and COMLEX: A Flow Chart
- Board Prep, Phase 3 (video)

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Reminder
Welcome to the MSUCOM CARE Team

Mission

The MSUCOM CARE Team is committed to improving the wellbeing of students and promoting student success at all three sites of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine by proactively and collaboratively identifying and assisting students in distress. The team coordinates with students, faculty, and staff using thoughtful approaches to identifying, assessing and intervening with individuals of concern.

Goals

The MSUCOM CARE Team strives to:

- Identify distressed students
- Provide resources, referrals, and other forms of support to individuals in distress
- Prevent escalation of concerning situations
- Enhance the wellbeing and safety of the MSUCOM community
- Collaborate with faculty, staff, administration, and concerned others
- Educate the MSUCOM community about identifying concerning behaviors
- Foster a culture in which concerns for others can be respectfully shared

Who Are We?

Helping a Student in Distress
CARE Team Process

REFER A STUDENT TO THE CARE TEAM

Please send any concerns to the following email address:
MSUCOMCARETeam@hc.msu.edu

Report an incident to the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE)

File a report with MSU Behavioral Threat Assessment Team (BTAT)

If you are referring a clerkship student please contact Dr. Falls directly:
bill.falls@hc.msu.edu
Questions?

Academic & Career Guidance:

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