MS4 Class Meeting: Preparing Your Rank List

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Principles to Consider

• Do the right thing
  o Be honest: don’t pretend what you don’t feel
  o If something is making you uncomfortable, pay attention to that feeling

• Do not get distracted
  o There is no one silver bullet or “right move”
  o Evaluate the advice you receive critically and judiciously
Principles to Consider

• There is more than one program for you
  o Don’t “fall in love”: monogamy comes later
  o Bundle the programs in groups of 3-5 as your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. choices

• You are applying for a job
  o There is more than one way to judge the outcome
  o Make a commitment to thrive wherever you go
NRMP & Match Violations
The Match Commitment

Section 5.1

The listing of an applicant by a program on its certified rank order list or of a program by an applicant on the applicant's certified rank order list establishes a **binding commitment** to offer or to accept an appointment if a match results and to start training in good faith (i.e., with the intent to complete the program) on the date specified in the appointment contract. The same binding commitment is established during the Match Week Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) if a program offers a position by listing an applicant on its preference list and the applicant accepts that offer. Absent a waiver from the NRMP, **failure to honor this commitment by either party shall be a breach of this Agreement** and may result in penalties to the breaching program or Applicant.
NRMP Rules

• Sponsoring institutions that register any programs in the Main Residency Match agree to select senior students of U.S. allopathic medical schools for all of their programs only through the Main Residency Match or another national matching plan. In addition, programs participating in the Main Residency Match agree to select senior students of U.S. allopathic medical schools only through the Main Residency Match.

• Applicants and programs can express their interest in each other, but parties may NOT require that the other reveal, verbally or in writing, ranking preferences or intentions.

• Applicants and programs are bound by the results of the Match.
NRMP Rules

#1: You must show up!

#2: You can profess your affection

#3: Neither you nor programs can require that the other disclose ranking intentions
Match Communications

Program directors frequently send letters containing statements that can be misinterpreted by students. Program Directors may also call you several times on the phone to indicate their level of interest.

These letters and phone calls are not binding and have no standing when final rank orders lists are submitted.
Dear Applicant:

We have thoroughly enjoyed your visit with us and it is clear that you will excel wherever you choose to go.

You represent the kind of candidate that has traditionally done well in our program and we hope to have the opportunity to work with you in the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

Program Director
Overview of Rank Process
Deadlines and Dates

January 15, 2019, 11 am CST  Rank order list entry opened

January 31  Final quotas for programs

February 20, 8 pm CST  Ranking closes and lists must be certified

March 11, 10:00 am CST  Did I Match?
                           List of Unfilled Programs (SOAP)

March 15, 10:00 am CST  Match Day festivities begin

March 15, 11:00 am CST  Match envelopes can be opened

March 15, 12:00 pm CST  Match results posted to NRMP website
February 14, 2019

Happy Valentine's Day

Certify your Rank List
NRMP Fees

Individual: 20 programs
- 1-20 programs may be ranked on your primary rank order list at no additional charge; each additional ranked program costs $30 per program.
- 1-20 programs may be ranked on your supplemental rank order list(s) at no additional charge; each additional ranked program on all supplemental lists combined costs $30 per program.

Couples: 20 programs
- Couples pay an additional $15 per partner, and rank 1-20 unique programs at no additional charge. Each partner must have the same number of ranks. Remember, couples can list the same program more than once on their list depending upon the corresponding program on their partner’s list.

Extra fees are due at the time of certification. Those fees are NOT refundable if you certify a shorter list at a later time.
Rank Order List Entry

• The rank order list can be entered in one or more sessions.

• It can be modified or re-ordered any number of times up until the deadline (but we do not recommend getting close to the deadline due to server slowness!):

  **8:00 pm CST on February 20, 2019**

• Applicants in the middle of a session at 8:00 pm will not be able to complete their session and will be forced off the server.

  *Do not wait until the last minute!*
Ranking Logistics

1. Visit: www.nrmp.org

2. Use AAMC/ERAS ID to access ranking system

3. Go to “My Profile” to make sure your email is current; email is the primary means of NRMP communications

4. http://www.nrmp.org/applicant-support/ has an excellent 10 minute video called “Enter and Certify a Rank Order List”—take time to watch it
Creating Your ROL
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- **Match Options**
- **Account Maintenance**
- **Institution & Program Violations**
- **My Rank Order List**
- **My Reports**
- **SOAP**

**2014 Main Residency Match**

- Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. Allopathic Medical School
- Username: TomSawyer
- NRMP ID: N085532
- AAMC ID: 54444444
- USMLE ID: 555-555-5

**Primary Rank Order List**

- You may add programs to the list by entering their NRMP Program Code below, or by searching for them on the 'Find & Add Programs' tab.
- Click, drag and drop the icons in the "Drag & Drop" column to move a program's rank.
- Select "Remove" on any program record below to delete it from the list.

**Find & Add Programs**

- State / Province
- Specialty
- Program Type
- Program Description
- Institution Name
- NRMP Program Code
- ACGME Program Code

**Certify List**

**Primary Rank Order List**

**Find & Add Programs**
Creating Your ROL

Applicant Rank Order List

Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. Allopathic Medical School
Username: TomSawyer
NRMP ID: N0185532
AAMC ID: 54444444
USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5

Match Year: 2014
Appointment Year: 2014
Applicant Status: ACTIVE
Fee Status: Paid

Primary Rank Order List

State / Province: Please Select...
Specialty: 040 - Anesthesiology
Program Type: Advanced
Program Description
Institution Name
NRMP Program Code
ACGME Program Code

Add Selected Programs to ROL & Save
Reset
Search

94 programs found. Click any column header to sort by that column.

- American Medical Center - Anesthesiology
  - Location: New Orleans, LA
  - Status: ACTIVE
  - NRMP Program Code: 1691048A0
  - ACGME Program Code: 0401111111
Creating Your ROL

![ROL webpage screenshot](image)

**Primary Rank Order List**

**Find & Add Programs**

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**UChicago Medicine**

Pritzker School of Medicine
Supplemental List Entry

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- Click, drag and drop the icons in the "Drag & Drop" column to move a Program's rank.
- Select "Remove" on any Program record below to delete it from the list.

Drag & Drop | Prim ROL Rank | Institution & Program Description | Suppl ROL | Status | NRMP Program Code | ACGME Program Code | Remove
---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---
1 |  | American Medical Center - Anesthesiology | (None) | ACTIVE | 1691040A0 | 0401111111 | 

Enter NRMP Program Code to add a Program:  
Rank: 2  
Add & Save
Supplemental List Entry
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The image shows a section of a webpage titled "Supplemental List Entry." It includes a table with columns for "Drag & Drop," "Rank," "Institution & Program Description," "Status," "NRMP Program Code," and "ACGME Program Code." The table entries include "American Medical Center - Transitional Year" and "National Test Institute - Transitional Year," both marked as "ACTIVE." The NRMP Program Code for American Medical Center is 1691999P0, and for National Test Institute, it is 1690999P0. The ACGME Program Code for American Medical Center is 9995555555, and for National Test Institute, it is 9993333333. The "Remove" column has an "X" for both entries. There are options to edit the suffix name of the Supplemental ROL and to add new programs by entering their NRMP Program Code. The page also includes options to update, cancel changes, delete all ranks, save, and print the list.
Supplemental List Entry

You may add Programs to the list by entering their NRMP Program Code below, or by searching for them on the “Find & Add Programs” tab. Click, drag and drop the icons in the “Drag & Drop” column to move a Program’s rank. Select “Remove” on any Program record below to delete it from the list.

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Enter NRMP Program Code to add a Program: [ ]

Rank: 3

Add & Save

Search for a Program on my Rank Order List [ ]

Find
Couples Matching

• Please check in with Dr. Woodruff to discuss strategy and logistics

• Check out http://www.nrmp.org/applicant-support/ and watch the “Couples in the Match” training video
Modifying Your Rank Order List

- You may add programs to the list by entering their NRMP Program Code below, or by searching for them on the "Find & Add Programs" tab.
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Enter NRMP Program Code to add a Program: [Enter]  
Rank: [3]  
Add & Save
Certifying the Rank Order List
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Please Enter Your Authentication Information

You have 2 program(s) ranked on your Primary Rank Order List. You also have 1 associated supplemental list(s) containing a total of 2 unique programs ranked.

The Match Participation Agreement to which you affixed your password during registration states that the listing of a program on your certified Rank Order List establishes a binding commitment to accept the position if a match results. Failure to honor the commitment may result in penalties as described in the NRMP's Violations Policy.

To have your Rank Order List included in the Match, you must complete the certification process by entering your password below and clicking the Submit button.

* Password

Cancel Submit
Rank Order List Confirmation
Modifying Certified Rank Order List

• If you change your certified rank order list by adding, moving, or deleting a program, the previous rank order list is deleted.

• You can re-certify your rank list multiple times, however....

• You must certify your rank order list again for it to be used in the Match.
Rank Order List Confirmation

• Print a copy of your final rank order list after submission.

• The NRMP will send a confirmation to your email address after you certify your rank order list.

• Rebecca will be able to confirm that you have a match status of CERTIFIED ROL on the NRMP website.
Making the Match
Work for You
How the Match Algorithm Works

• Applicant “proposing”
• Starts with an attempt to place an applicant in the program ranked #1 by the applicant
• A tentative Match occurs:
  o if the program also ranked the applicant and the program has unfilled positions
  o if the program is filled but the applicant is ranked higher than another applicant tentatively matched to that program
How the Match Algorithm Works

• There is no match if:
  ○ the program did not rank the applicant
  ○ the program ranked the applicant but is filled with other applicants more preferred by the program

• Matches are final when:
  ○ when the algorithm completes its cycles

• Couples match when:
  ○ the algorithm places a couple in their highest ranked pair of programs on the PRIMARY list where BOTH matched
Deans’ Ranking Advice

• Meet with your career advisor to discuss strategy

• Aim high & rank all programs: the algorithm favors you

• Take advantage of the 20 FREE!

• The #1 reason students don’t match is because they didn’t rank enough programs

• Even if a program says “We will rank you #1”, this is not a guarantee

• Do not wait until Feb. 20 to certify. Aim for a one week (or more!) buffer!

• Trust us: You do not want to go through the SOAP
## Rank Order List Length

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<th>Matched US Seniors</th>
<th>Unmatched US Seniors</th>
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<td>Number (%)</td>
<td>Avg ROL</td>
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<td>14,466 (94.7%)</td>
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<td>16,165 (94.7%)</td>
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Rank Order List Length by Specialty

Chart 4: Median Number of Contiguous Ranks of U.S. Allopathic Seniors by Preferred Specialty and Match Status

- Matched
- Not Matched

Specialties and Median Ranks:
- Anesthesiology: Matched 15, Not Matched 3
- Child Neurology: Matched 12, Not Matched 8
- Dermatology: Matched 9, Not Matched 4
- Emergency Radiology: Matched 6, Not Matched 4
- Family Medicine: Matched 11, Not Matched 3
- General Surgery: Matched 13, Not Matched 4
- Internal Medicine/Pediatrics: Matched 13, Not Matched 2
- Interventional Radiology: Matched 11, Not Matched 2
- Neurological Surgery: Matched 17, Not Matched 1
- Obstetrics and Gynecology: Matched 12, Not Matched 6
- Orthopaedic Surgery: Matched 12, Not Matched 6
- Otolaryngology: Matched 13, Not Matched 5
- Pathology: Matched 14, Not Matched 4
- Pediatrics: Matched 14, Not Matched 4
- Plastic Surgery: Matched 10, Not Matched 5
- Psychiatry: Matched 6, Not Matched 5
- Radiation Oncology: Matched 13, Not Matched 4
- Vascular Surgery: Matched 18, Not Matched 4
Deans’ Ranking Advice

When should you not rank a program?

Only when you would rather be unmatched than be at that program.
Final Considerations

Think/Rank in Bundles

(First Tier, Second Tier, Third Tier) The Match favors you!

Plan Ahead

Complete your list at least a week before the February 20 deadline. If you wait until the last minute, servers may be overloaded and very slow.

Complete All Steps

Be sure to certify your rank order list.

Trust yourself!

Do not make last minute changes to your rank order list. Most such changes are not well thought-out, and applicants frequently regret the changes.
Getting Your Match Results
Friday, March 8, 2019

You will receive an email (and notice in the R3 system) that you are eligible for the SOAP... DON’T PANIC!
Monday, March 11, 2019

At 10:00am (CST), applicants log into the NRMP R3 system and receive one of the following messages:

1. Congratulations, you have matched
2. Congratulations, you have matched to an advanced position, but not a first year position
3. Congratulations, you have matched to a one year position
4. We are sorry, you did not match to any position
5. You are NOT matched because you did not submit a certified rank order list
6. You are NOT matched because you are withdrawn
SOAP: Supplementary Offer and Acceptance Program
SOAP

• SOAP is not a second match. It is a series of offers by programs.

• The NRMP R3 System offers positions to applicants in order of a program’s preference.

• Applicants can receive multiple offers in any one round.

• Positions offered / accepted during SOAP establish a binding commitment / enforced by the Match Participation Agreement.
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<td>Friday, March 15, 10:00am CST</td>
<td>Match Day ceremonies begin (P-117)</td>
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Match Day: March 15, 2019!
FAQs

• I loved almost all of the programs I saw. How do I decide where I really want to go?

• How do I decide where to put the University of Chicago on my rank list?

• How much should I value personal life over professional opportunities?