



American University of the Caribbean
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Today's Agenda

- Key Terms
- Residency Application Supporting Documents
- USMLE Performance Data for AUC students and US Seniors by Specialty
- Timeline
- Strategy
- Resources



Key Terms

- Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)
 - Accredits residency and fellowship programs in the United States
- Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG)
 - Obtaining the ECFMG Certificate is required for foreign medical graduates to enter ACGME-accredited residency or fellowship programs in the United States
- Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS)
 - Houses residency application supporting documents for programs to access when students apply for residency



Key Terms

- Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) Letter
 - Document submitted by school in support of residency and fellowship applications detailing students' academic performance in medical school
- National Resident Matching Program (NRMP)
 - Manages the process by which medical students match into residency and fellowship



Residency Application Supporting Documents

- Letters of Recommendation (LoRs) – provided by student/letter writer
- USMLE Transcript – provided by student
- Personal Statement – provided by student
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) – provided by student
- Photograph – provided by student
- Post Training Authorization Letter (PTAL)/Receipt – provided by student (CA)
- Medical School Transcript – provided by OSPD
- MSPE Letter – provided by OSPD



USMLE® Step 1 Performance for 2014, 2015 and 2016 Classes

Specialty	# Residency Placements	% Matched into Specialty	NRMP Mean*	AUC Mean
Anesthesiology	35	4%	235	240
Diagnostic Radiology	15	2%	241	239
Emergency Medicine	15	2%	235	236
Family Medicine	233	30%	210	215
General Surgery	23	3%	242	243
Internal Medicine	236	30%	228	229
Neurology	14	2%	225	223
OB/GYN	16	2%	224	225
Pathology	9	1%	222	219
Pediatrics	60	8%	226	223
PM&R	9	1%	221	222
Psychiatry	51	6%	215	213

*Source: [2016 NRMP Program Director Survey's](#) section on "Scores Above Which Programs Almost Always Grant Interviews."



USMLE® Step 2 Performance for 2014, 2015 and 2016 Classes

Specialty	# Residency Placements	% Matched into Specialty	NRMP Mean*	AUC Mean
Anesthesiology	35	4%	238	244
Diagnostic Radiology	15	2%	243	240
Emergency Medicine	15	2%	244	243
Family Medicine	233	30%	224	225
General Surgery	23	3%	246	244
Internal Medicine	236	30%	234	235
Neurology	14	2%	233	227
OB/GYN	16	2%	236	237
Pathology	9	1%	230	226
Pediatrics	60	8%	232	230
PM&R	9	1%	231	224
Psychiatry	51	6%	226	226

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USMLE® Step 2 Performance for 2014, 2015 and 2016 Classes

Specialty	# positions offered	% of all positions offered
Anesthesiology	1127	4.0%
Emergency Medicine	1895	6.8%
Family Medicine	3238	11.6%
Internal Medicine (Categorical)	7024	25.2%
Neurology	443	1.6%
OB/GYN	1265	4.5%
Pathology	579	2.1%
Pediatrics	2689	9.7%
PM&R	112	0.4%
Psychiatry	1384	5.0%
Radiology-Diagnostic	151	0.5%
Surgery (Categorical)	1241	4.5%

Timeline: Jan Class - NRMP®

Schedule
Sub-
Internship

~ 53 weeks to complete cores

CS deadline – mid-July
CK deadline – mid-Aug
NRMP Opens
MSPE Released

Interview Season

Rank Order Released

Rank Order Deadline

Match Week
Residency Begins

Jan 18

May 18

Sept 18

Jan 19

June 19

July 19

Aug 19

Sept 19

Oct 19

Jan 20

Feb 20

Mar 20

July 20

Build in break after
cores to study for
COMP, CS and CK

8 weeks required for
full-time status and fin
aid

Complete electives
in desired specialty
by mid-August



Strategy

- Be competitive for your desired specialty
- Strong LORs (at least one in desired specialty)
- Avoid unnecessary Leaves of Absence
- Apply with strong, complete application
- Complete all five core clerkships prior to taking Step 2 CS and CK
- Can take CS as late as mid-July and still have score back by NRMP Registration
- Can take CK as late as mid-August and still have score back by NRMP Registration
- Use available resources



Resources

- [OSPD website](#)
 - CV, Personal Statement and MSPE Letter samples
- [OSPDirect](#)
 - Resources and deadline reminders for fourth-year students applying to the Match
- OSPD Office Hours
- [OCSA Elective Guide](#)
- [USMLE Step 2 prep](#)
- Clinical Education Fellows



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Open Discussion/Questions

