

Everything a UCF COM Specialty Advisor Needs to Know About the Residency Application Process

Match Timeline

Year 3	What the student is working on:	How you can help:
Spring/Summer	Writing a CV Writing a personal statement Communicating with student affairs regarding the MSPE (dean's letter) Collecting letters of recommendation (LOR) Registering in Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS)	Offer to write a LOR Review and provide feedback on the CV and personal statement Review "charting outcomes in the match" to assess qualifications and competitiveness for different specialties
May	Third year ends	Discuss plan for 4 th year electives
Year 4		
July	Entering data into ERAS	Offer to provide feedback on the information entered into ERAS
September	Beginning to apply to specific residency programs in the main match	Discuss residency program options and provide feedback as to "fit" and quality Facilitate a discussion using the "residency preference exercise" to evaluate and compare residency programs
October-January	Residency interviews	Discuss interview strategies, provide a mock interview scenario
December	Military match occurs	Prepare to assist student in identifying other programs if student is unmatched
January	Urology and Ophthalmology (San Francisco match) occurs	Prepare to assist student in identifying other programs if student is unmatched **early conversations as to alternate specialties may be helpful in some cases
January	Rank order lists for the main match are due	Provide realistic feedback as to the order of their ranked lists
Mid-March	If student does not match, the supplemental offer and accept program (SOAP) begins	Provide feedback as to best options for programs in the SOAP
March	Match day	Participate in match day activities and congratulate your student and yourself for a job well done!
May	Graduation	Attend graduation