



Update for SSPPS Students on



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UC San Diego  
SKAGGS SCHOOL OF PHARMACY  
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# Goal of PhORCAS

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Streamline the residency recruitment process wherever possible to benefit:

- Resident Applicants
- Residency Programs
- Reference Writers



### Application Portal

- Application
- Upload personal statement / CV
- Official transcripts
- Site specific supplemental requirements

### Program Portal

- Determine site specific application requirements
- Close / open application window
- Queries / review process



### References Portal

- 3 References



# Benefits to Resident Applicants

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- One online submission - dissemination to multiple programs
- Electronic tracking, notification of application progress
- Reduced applicant hassle
- Flexibility to standardize and customize
- Seamless registration for PhORCAS and National Match Service
- System available for post match process

# Standardized application materials

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- Demographics (includes GPA and college attended)
- Verified transcripts
- Personal statement / letter of intent
- CV
- 3 References
- Extracurricular and professional activities
- National Matching Service code
- Supplemental section (optional)

# Flexible elements for programs

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- Application deadline
- Site unique requirements
  - Personal statement / letter of intent requests
  - Supplemental information must be provided in the following formats- .pdf, .doc, .txt, .rtf
  - Space limit- max 5MB
  - Request of reference writers beyond standard reference form

# Timeline – Go LIVE October 2012!

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**By Oct 1, 2012-** all data is uploaded from National Matching Service Agreement Form (application deadline date and name)

- Confirm application dates / application requirements are up to date on ASHP on-line directory

**Oct 1, 2012- PhORCAS Opens for applicants to enter data**

**Nov 1, 2012-** applicants can begin applying to programs in PhORCAS

**Mar 8, 2013-** return rank order lists for Match (PhORCAS closes)

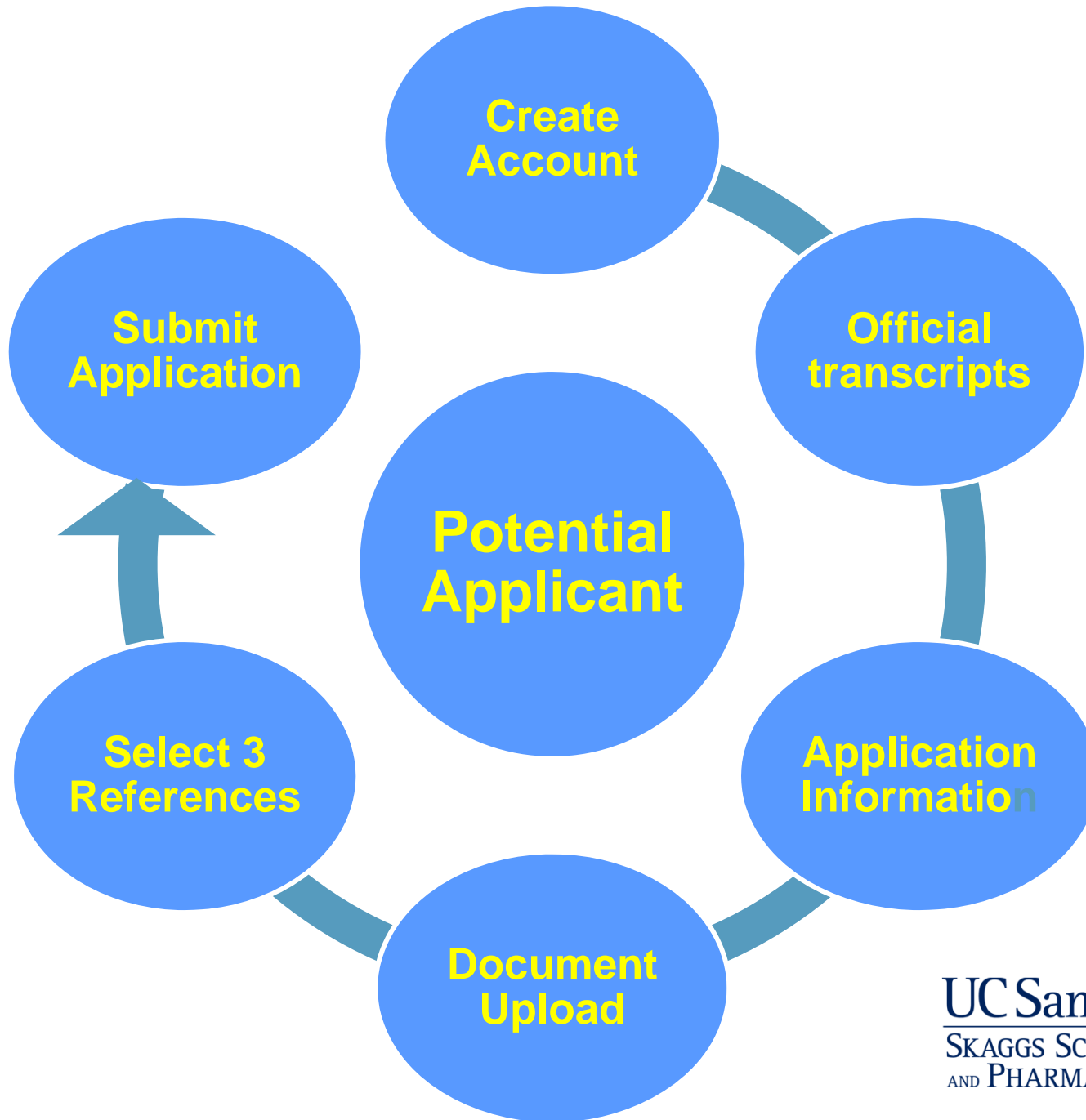
**Mar 22, 2013-** Match results; list of available programs

(PhORCAS re-opens) applicants can update their materials in PhORCAS if they will be participating in the post match

**Mar 25, 2013-** applicants can choose programs to apply to

**May 31, 2013-** PhORCAS closes

# Applicant Process





# Applicant Transcripts

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- Applicants will have one copy of their official transcripts from each school mailed to “PhORCAS Transcripts”
- “PhORCAS Transcripts” staff will certify the authenticity of transcripts
- “PhORCAS Transcripts” staff will upload as a scanned image

# Benefits to Reference Writers

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- Electronic notification and notes from applicants
- Standardized reference in PhORCAS provides options for writers to elaborate and expand on reference
- Ability to customize a reference letter
- Electronic submission
- Potential of using previous reference information for post match process

# Standardized Reference

**For the recommender to complete:**

I have known the candidate for approximately \_\_\_\_\_(months).

The relative hours per week of our interaction during that time \_\_\_\_\_ (hours).

My relationship to the candidate was (or is) in the following capacity:

- Faculty    preceptor    employer    professional organization    other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate this applicant for each of the following characteristics.

**Exceeds** = the candidate exceeds what is expected to enter a residency program;

**Appropriate** = the candidate performs appropriately for what is expected to enter a residency program;

**Fails to Meet** = the candidate fails to meet the level expected to enter a residency program, and

**N/A** = not applicable or not observed.

CHARACTERISTICS EVALUATED	Exceeds	Appropriate	Fails to Meet	N/A	Comments (Please address at least 3 fields and indicate strengths or opportunities for improvement)
Writing skills (clinical, email, and assigned writings)					
Oral communication skills					
Leadership/mentoring skills					
Assertiveness					
Ability to organize and manage time					
Ability to work with peers and communicate effectively					
Effective patient interactions					
Dependability					
Independence and resourcefulness					
Willingness to accept constructive criticism					
Emotional stability and maturity					
Professionalism (professional attire and professional demeanor)					

Narrative comments

FOR PGY1 CANDIDATES ONLY

1. How did the candidate's skills compare with (in order of preference) peers, students or students from other colleges?

2. In the space below, please feel free to address any other characteristics or observations of the candidate not mentioned previously.

FOR PGY2 CANDIDATES ONLY

1. Please comment on how the candidate's skills compare with other residents? Describe his/her degree of independence to date? Has the resident assumed more independence as the year progressed?

2. In the space below, please feel free to address any other characteristics or observations of the candidate not mentioned previously.

Recommendation concerning admission (select one)

- I highly recommend this candidate
- I recommend this candidate
- I recommend this candidate, but with some reservation/s
- I do not recommend this candidate

# Fees

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- Paid by the applicants
- Base package will be \$75 for 4 programs
- An additional \$25 per program past initial 4 programs
- National Matching Service Registration \$116

# Post Match – Scramble

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- PhORCAS will add structure to the scramble
- Programs will have option to reopen program
  - Unmatched or expansion positions
- Will expedite the application process because application material will be available
- Post match scramble pricing
  - Remaining selections from base package (remainder of 4 programs) or
  - An additional \$25 per program
- ASHP COC recommends a one week moratorium post match to enable all parties time to adequately explore opportunities