Is Completing a Residency Really Worth Dealing with the Application Process?

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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”

~Nelson Mandela
So, Is Completing a Residency Really Worth Dealing with the Application Process?

YES!
MATCH
The Match

- ASHP Resident Matching Program
- Administered by National Matching Services Inc.
- Fees: $116 to register for the Match (non-refundable)
- [http://www.natmatch.com/ashprmp](http://www.natmatch.com/ashprmp)
Important Dates

- **January 11, 2013**: Recommended date by which applicants should register for the Match.
- **February 8, 2013**: By this date instructions for submitting Rank Order Lists and obtaining Match results will be available.
- **March 7, 2013**: Final date to register for the Match.
- **March 8, 2013**: Final date for submission of Applicant and Program Rank Order Lists.
- **March 22, 2013**: Results of the Match are released.
Match Mentions

- Don’t play mind games with yourself
- The Match favors the applicant
- Rank only where you are willing to go
- Do not rank anywhere you are not willing to go
What if I don’t match?

- **March 22, 2013**
  - No action to fill positions remaining unfilled is to be taken prior to 9:00 a.m.
  - List of programs with unfilled positions to be posted on Match web site beginning at 9:00 a.m.
When can I apply again?

- Applicants who do not obtain a position in the Match will be able to use PhORCAS to prepare applications beginning on March 22, and to submit applications to programs participating in PhORCAS beginning on March 25
- Scramble
MATCH

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PhORCAS

- Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service
- Fees: $75/first 4; $25 each thereafter
- https://portal.phorcas.org/
Chaos or Control?
Confusion or Improved Communication?
Three Portals

- Applicant
- Program
- References
Welcome!

This website provides applicants to pharmacy residency programs with a single access point for two separate but complementary services, which are operated by separate entities:

- The Match – ASHP Resident Matching Program, administered by National Matching Services Inc.
- PhORCAS – Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service

All applicants must register for the Match on this website in order to obtain a position at a PGY1 or PGY2 pharmacy residency program that is accredited by or is in candidate, pre-candidate, or conditional accreditation with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP).*

Many, but not all, residency programs use PhORCAS. Applicants applying to program(s) that participate in PhORCAS must use this website to submit applications to those programs. Applicants can enter data into their applications through PhORCAS prior to registering for the Match, but applications cannot be sent to programs that participate in PhORCAS until the applicant has registered for the Match.

Applicants applying to any program that does not participate in PhORCAS must submit the application directly to that program. Applicants will still need to register for the Match on this website in order to obtain a position at the program through the Match.

*Note:

Programs that are based outside of the United States or that offer positions exclusively to commissioned officers of the Department of Defense or the Public Health Service are exempt from the ASHP Match and do not participate in PhORCAS. Applicants seeking positions only at those programs do not need to register for the Match; these applicants should not use this website and should send applications directly to those programs.

Current PGY1 residents who are interested in continuing their training in a PGY2 residency offered by the same sponsor as the applicant’s PGY1 residency (e.g., the same or an affiliated organization) may be able to obtain the position through an Early Commitment Process. Applicants who are committed to a position in this manner do not need to register for or participate in the Match.
### Applicant Information

- Contact Information
- Personal Information

### Educational Information

- Non Pharmacy College(s) Attended
- Pharmacy College(s) Attended
- Extracurricular
- Personal Statement/Letter of Intent
- Curriculum Vita/Resume

### Other

- References
- Application Certification
- Supplemental
- Residency Program Designations
The response you type will appear in your application exactly as you type it. Using all capital letters or not capitalizing properly does not present a professional image to your application.

Select an option from the drop-down list and click on “Add New Entry” to create a list of your activities, accomplishments & recognitions. If you are unsure of the procedures on completing this section of the PHORCAS Application please revisit the instructions or click on “Instructions For This Section”. Once your application has been e-Submitted you WILL NOT be able to make corrections to this section.

- I am leaving this section blank intentionally

Provide information about activities, accomplishments & recognitions, including:

- Professional Awards/Scholarships
- Leadership Experience
- Presentations (local/state/national)
- Publications (local/state/national)
- Pharmacy Work Experience
- Volunteer/Community Service
Extracurricular Activities

Hey, isn’t this already in my CV?
My Sort Options

Search > Applicants

Last Name: 
First Name: 
Visa Type: 
Citizenship Status: 
Veteran: 
Non Pharmacy Degree: 
Pharmacy Degree: 
Pharmacy College Attended: 
Pharmacy College GPA: 
US Pharmacy License: 
Pgy1 Site: 

Extracurricular Activities:  
- Professional Awards/Scholarships
- Leadership Experience
- Presentations (local/state/national)
- Publications (local/state/national)
- Pharmacy Work Experience
- Volunteer/Community Service
- No Additional Extracurricular Activities

Reference Recommendation: 
Selection Decision: 
Tag 1: 

My Applicants
- Applicant Pool Status
- My Profile
- Account Information
- Change Password
- Search Applicants
- Search
- Selection Decisions
- Group Update by Tags
- RPD Tools
- Application Acceptance Status
- Define Tags
- List Reviewers
- Add Reviewer

Help
- Instructions
- Contact Us

Legend
- Applications Submitted
- Applications Completed
Extracurricular Activities

- Did I lead, follow or just show up?
- What did I learn from this experience?
- Consider key words found in program description
- Opportunity to expand on CV and Letter of Intent
Application > Honors and Awards

- Required Information

Organization or Award Name:

Description of Award or Honor:

Date Received or Awarded:

(Month) (Year)
Provide a concise statement indicating your career goals, major areas of interest, and reasons why you are a good candidate for this program.

Please check the program's website for other institution specific details.

The accepted file formats are MSWord (.doc), Rich Text Format (.rtf), Portable Document Format (.pdf), and ASCII Text file (.txt). Do not password protect your files. The size limit for the file upload is 5MB.

Macintosh Users: Please be sure that the appropriate extension (e.g., `.doc`, `.pdf`) is at the end of the file name you select.

If you are having problems uploading your cover letters / personal statements, please make sure you are using one of the following browsers:

- Firefox
- Internet Explorer 8 (or higher)
Please add the length and location of each Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) in your curriculum vitae for PGY1 applicants.

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If the flash control does not initialize after a few seconds, please install Adobe Flash to continue your upload.

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Curriculum Vitae

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CV “Musts”

- Aesthetically pleasing
- Ordered in order of importance
- Include NMS Match #
- Reviewed by at least 2 people (in addition to your mom!)
CV “No’s”

- No spelling/grammatical errors
- No fluff but be complete
- No lying
- “Know” your CV
References

November 19th: references may be uploaded
How many references – 3 or 4?
Different references for different programs?
Standardized forms +/- separate letter?
3 references required to submit application
Add Reference

Add Reference

Application > References

- Required Information

Please provide the requested information for an individual who will be providing a letter of recommendation. Please note that entering a reference in this section and clicking "SAVE" will immediately generate an e-mail request to that individual. Thus, before entering an individual's name and contact information in this section, be sure that this person has agreed to write a letter of recommendation for you.

Title

UC San Diego - PGY1 Acute Care

You must include the name of the program in the Evaluation Title of the reference. This will notify the reference writer which program the letter will be sent to. Ex. Providence Alaska Medical Center-PGY2-Oncology

Notes to Reference:

Please complete standard form and attach separate letter as we discussed, thank you!

Deadline:

1/4/13

Please include the deadline date for the program, as well as any supplement data the program may require from the reference writer. This will notify reference writers if they need to upload any supplemental requirements with their reference.
ID Reference

I hereby give PhORCAS permission to contact the reference below via email. If my reference does not submit online reference form to PhORCAS in response to the email request, it is my sole responsibility to contact the reference directly to ensure all references required by my designated Residency Programs are received by the deadline.

I hereby give permission to the residency program to which I am applying to contact the Reference either to verify the information I provided and/or for further clarification of the information I provided, if necessary.

I waive my right of access to this reference.

Reference's Title (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.):

Reference's First Name:

Reference's Last Name:

Reference's Middle Name or Initial:

Reference's Email Address:

Confirm Email Address:

Reference's Phone Number:

Please enter complete phone number including area code or country code.
Add Additional References/
Add Additional Request for each Reference
Multiple references/multiple sites
Electronic Signature Creates Legal Document

Application Certification

I certify that all of the information submitted by me in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I understand that any significant misstatement in, or omission from, this application may be cause for denial of selection as a resident or dismissal from a residency position.

I authorize the residency site to consult with persons and institutions with which I have been associated who may have information bearing on my professional competence, character, and ethical qualifications now or in the future.

I release from liability all residency staff for acts performed in good faith and without malice in connection with evaluating my application and my credentials and qualifications. I also release from liability all individuals and organizations who provide information to the residency site in good faith and without malice concerning my professional competence, ethics, character, and other qualifications now or in the future.

I further understand that it is my responsibility to inform the residency site to which I have applied if a change in my status with my academic program, (e.g., being placed on probation, being dismissed, etc.) occurs subsequent to the submission of my application. In addition, I understand I have the same responsibility to inform the residency site to which I match if a change in status occurs after the match has occurred.

I expressly agree to comply fully with the PHRCSAS policies.

I understand and agree that, as an applicant for the pharmacy residency program, I have the burden of producing adequate information for proper evaluation of my professional competence, character, ethics, and other qualifications and for resolving any doubts about such qualifications.

I hereby agree that personally identifiable information about me, including but not limited to my academic and professional qualifications, performance, and character, in whatever form maintained, may be provided to any residency training site to which I have applied and/or will match.

Electronic Signature

Signature: [Signature]

Signature Date: [MM/DD/YYYY]
Supplemental

Confirm Supplemental Requirements
just prior to finalizing application

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Possible Supplemental Requirements

- Application forms
- Additional demographic Information
- Photos
- Interview availability
- Additional reference information
Residency Program Designations

### Application > Program Designations

#### Pending Programs

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What’s in YOUR Phorecast?
How Many Programs is Enough?

- Too many: 1,000,000,000,000,000
  - Time away from rotations
  - Cost to travel to interview
- Too few: 0
- Your thoughts…
- My thoughts…
Choosing Where to Apply

- Good fit
  - Number of residents
  - PGY2 opportunities
  - Patient care/Teaching/Research
  - Electives available
- Preceptors
- Flexible
- Staffing
- Location ➔ Explore the possibilities
Take Home Points

- Be Organized
- No spelling/grammatical errors - anywhere
- Communicate well with references
- Know your deadlines
- Don’t miss your deadlines
- Apply to “good fit” programs
Thank You
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