Applying for Residency
The Match (Phase I and II) and Post-Match Scramble

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**ASHP**
- Establishes rules
- Monitors implementation

**National Matching Services Inc.**
- Administration and conduct
- Fees: $150 to register for the Match (non-refundable; covers Phase I and Phase II)
- Assigned 5 digit applicant code
## Schedule of Dates

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• Abide by the deadlines
• Do not communicate, solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information pertaining to either Phase of the Match prior to the release of the results for Phase II of the Match
• Residency programs agree not to solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant or other program – ever
• Results of the Match Phase I and Phase II constitute binding agreements between applicants and residency programs that may not be reversed unilaterally by either party
Participate as a Couple

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Partners must register individually
- Indicate your desire to participate as a couple
  - Log in → Edit (Couple Status) → enter partner’s applicant Code Number
  - Partner does the same
- Must rank same number of programs
- You will be ranked as an individual if your partner withdraws or does not rank or does not identify you correctly
- No match in Phase I → individual; must re-edit as couple for Phase II

https://www.natmatch.com/ashprmp/applcouple.html
Rank Order List
(due March 3rd)

✓ Top choice
✓ 2nd choice
✓ 3rd choice
✓ 4th choice
✓ 5th choice
✓ 6th choice
✓ 7th choice
Ranking Ø Programs
(Withdrawing from Phase I and/or Phase II)
Withdrawing from the Match
https://www.natmatch.com/ashprmp/applwithdraw.html

• Login —>
• Select **Edit** from the *Status* section of the *Dashboard*
• Choose Phase I only or both, Phase I and Phase II
• Choose only Phase I: automatically reinstated for Phase II
• Choose both, must reinstate yourself if you change your mind
• Status is visible to programs

• Deadline to withdraw: Rank Order List deadline for each Phase
• Upon withdrawal, previously entered ROL will not be considered
Reinstating in the Match

Login —>

Select **Edit** from the *Status* section of the *Dashboard*

Deadline to Reinstallate:
Prior to Rank Order List deadline for each Phase
Match Day: That one day in March when the lives of a bunch of OCD personalities are decided at the mercy of a computerized algorithm.

https://natmatch.com/ashprmp/aboutalg.html
Ranking Ø Programs

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 LET’S RUN A MATCH

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What to do after submitting ROL but **Before** Match Day Phase I
Be Prepared

• Consider asking for Match day off
• Take some time to self-reflect
• Decide if you will commit to Phase II and the Scramble
Be Prepared

• **Incorporate info from interviews**
• Contact references – **any new possibilities?**
• Consider **broadening your program search**
  ▪ Essential qualities of a residency program
  ▪ Areas of interest too narrow?
  ▪ Location?
  ▪ Program particulars too narrow?
• Know **who to contact**
  ▪ References: remind them of deadlines
  ▪ Preceptors: possible time off for interviews
  ▪ Faculty, administrators, Dr. Daniels: networking
• **Update application materials, especially CV**
  ▪ Newly completed rotations
  ▪ Presentations, JC, projects
  ▪ Advancement in research
  ▪ Teaching

"Before anything else, preparation is the key to success."
~ Alexander Graham Bell
Match Results Day Phase I, 3/17

5:00 – 6:00: Match results released
Applicant 56112: ASHP Match Result
National Matching Services Inc. [ashprmp@natmatch.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 8:02 AM
To:    Chan, Ruth T

To: RUTH T CHAN - Applicant Code 56112

This message provides you with your Match result for the ASHP Resident Matching Program for residency positions beginning in 2012.

Congratulations! You have been matched to:

Residency: BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Program: PGY1

Program Code: 112013

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You matched!

5:00 – 6:00:

- Email references
  - No Phase II letters needed
  - Thank you
- Email preceptors
  - Thank you
  - Inform them if you will go to rotation
- Email advisors, other supporters
  - Thank you
- Go back to bed? Ha!

- *Shift to pharmacist licensing mode*
Match Day Phase I Results
3/17

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Match Day Phase I Results
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You are eligible for Phase II of the Match if…

• You withdrew from Phase I but not Phase II
• You withdrew from Phase I and II but reinstate
• You did not rank any programs in Phase I
• You did not match in Phase I
• You did not register for Phase I by the Rank Order List deadline
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3/17 – Phase I ends, Phase II Begins

- 6:00 – 9:00: Contact
  - Preceptor: may need time for interviews
  - References: new ref by 3/21, if needed
  - Advisors/Mentors
  - School/Dr. Daniels
  - Any contact that could help
- 9:00: Unmatched positions posted; ASAP…
  - Start making list by reviewing programs
  - Application requirements
  - Phase II Program-specific deadlines
  - Check if known alumni
  - Contact School, professors, contacts at other programs
Finalize list of programs

• Send list to your 3 references
• Include program-specific info
  • Director
  • Contact info
  • Reasons why applying/fit
• Start to write letters of intent (LOI)
• Ask advisors, preceptors, others to review LOI
• Double check for program requirements
• Start uploading new documents into PhORCAS
• Start practicing for phone/Skype interviews, even prior to 3/21
Interviews: What to expect

- Where
  - Phone
  - Skype or other web-based
  - Onsite
  - Combination
- Content
  - Abbreviated
  - Same as Phase I
- Practice
What do these Dates Mean?
A Lot of Gray Areas

• 3/17 (Phase I results) – 3/21 (start to submit applications; 4 days):
  decide where to apply ASAP
  ▪ Continue to research program particulars/requirements
  ▪ Communicate with references and preceptors as needed
  ▪ Be prepared for possible phone/Skype pre-interviews/actual interviews
  ▪ Continually check emails, voice messages for replies
• 3/21 – 4/4: interviews (~14 days – increased from 9 days last year)
  ▪ Have questions ready to ask programs
  ▪ Follow up with a Thank You (written or email)
• 4/5: rank order due
• 4/12: Results of Phase II
You and your partner must update your Couple Status prior to submitting ROL for Phase II
What to do after submitting ROL but Before Match Day Phase II

Be Prepared

- Consider asking for Match day off, 4/12
- Decide if you will commit to the Scramble
- Contact references
- Take some time to self-reflect
- Consider broadening your program search
  - Areas of interest too narrow?
  - Location?
  - Program particulars too narrow?
- Know who you will contact
  - References
  - Preceptors
  - Faculty
  - Dr. Daniels/Administrators
- Update application materials, especially CV (almost one month since Phase I results distributed)
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To do anything truly worth doing, I must not stand back shivering and thinking of the cold and danger, but jump in with gusto and scramble through as well as I can.

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4/12 - Phase II ends, Scramble Begins

- 6:00 – 9:00: Contact
  - Preceptor
  - References
  - Advisors/Mentors
  - School/Dr. Daniels
  - Any contact that could help
- 9:00: Unmatched positions posted
- Start making list (will be short)
  - Review program websites
  - Application requirements
  - Do programs seem like a fit?
  - Email programs
  - Include updated CV
  - Include why you are interested
4/12: Phase II results; unmatched positions posted →
4/13: Start applying using PhORCAS (3 days) →
4/13-19: Interviews (4 days) →
4/19: Programs start to make offers
Rules: $$

• For Phase II and Scramble: If already paid, no additional Match (NMS) fee
• QS to 4 applications from original PhORCAS payment, if any
• $40/program thereafter
Outliers

**New applicants**
- Did not register with NMS before the Match Phase I
- Use PhORCAS to participate in Phase II process
- Use PhORCAS to participate in Scramble
- Register and pay the $$

**Residency programs previously in PhORCAS**
- New positions post-match
- Reopen application deadline in their selection portal in the post match process if they are able to add new positions after the match
Things to do before each Match day

• Contact current preceptor
  • Inform them that you are applying for residency and will participate in Phase II and the Scramble if not matched
  • Phase II and Scrambling may require time off from rotation
    • Preparing application materials
    • Interviews
• Contact references
Update your CV at each step

- Rotations
- Presentations, publications
- Progress on research
- Community service/volunteering
- Leadership advancements
- Teaching

- Apply what you learned from your interviews
Match Mentions

- Don’t play mind games with yourself
- The Match looks to the applicant first
- Rank everywhere you are willing to go
- Do not rank anywhere you are not willing to go
# Summary Results of the Match – Class of 2016 – 17

(Class of 2015-16; Class of 2014 – 15)

## Applicant Perspective

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<td>5741 (5373; 5140)</td>
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<td>6814 (6277; 5978)</td>
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<td>Withdrew</td>
<td>877 (1015; 998)</td>
<td>208 (199; 181)</td>
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<td>545 (500, 436)</td>
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Class of 2016-17: 13 unfilled positions after Phase II
What’s your Plan D?
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Consider working and reapplying next year!
Thank You