**Field Specific Advisor Checklist: Student Edition**

Initial Meeting

Give background information (where you were born, college, interests, biosketch)

Explain specialty choice

Review extracurricular activities during medical school (research, publications, student activities groups, etc.)

Print CV

Provide your grades for all 3 years (verbally or transcript)

Discuss who your SAO Dean is

Discuss your geographical preferences for residency

Discuss any special circumstances (couples matching, visa issues, military or Canadian match)

Discuss Sub Is

[Review 4th year schedule](https://www.bumc.bu.edu/camed/education/registrars-office/class-of-2025-third-year-clerkship-scheduling-information/); as choices must be submitted in E\* Value

Discuss Away Rotations; pros/cons

Discuss Letters of Recommendations

Subsequent Meetings:

Have FSA sign off on your fourth-year schedule, July deadline and submit to registrar

Formulate a realistic residency program list, while assessing competitiveness including signaling strategy

Discuss backup residency plan, if necessary

Check in post ERAS submission to discuss interviews selected and how interviews are going

If <5-8 interviews by November 1 (depending on specialty choice), meet with FSA to discuss strategy for MATCH. Notify SAO Dean.

Review Rank List prior to submission