



Field Specific Advisor Checklist: Student Edition

Initial Meeting

- ☐ Give background information (where you were born, college, interests, biosketch)
- ☐ Explain specialty choice
- ☐ Review CV/extracurricular activities during medical school (research, publications, student activities groups, etc.)
- ☐ Provide your grades for all 3 years especially if any preclinical fails, Step remediation, or clerkship shelf fails (verbally or transcript)
- ☐ Discuss who your SAO Dean is
- ☐ Discuss your geographical preferences for residency
- ☐ Review any special circumstances (couples matching, visa issues, military or Canadian match)
- ☐ Discuss Sub Is
- ☐ Review 4th year schedule; as choices must be submitted in July
- ☐ Discuss Away Rotations; pros/cons
- ☐ Discuss Letters of Recommendations

Pre-Application Submission 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
- ☐ Review Rank List prior to submission

Post-Application Submission Meetings:

- ☐ 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.