

Fact Sheet: the ASHP Resident Matching Program (RMP) for Pharmacy Residencies

Purpose of the RMP

The ASHP Resident Matching Program (RMP) for pharmacy residencies exists to provide a mechanism for a mutually free, competitive, and orderly process for matching residency programs with acceptable resident applicants and residency applicants with acceptable programs.

Administration

The RMP is administered on behalf of the ASHP by National Matching Services Inc (NMS). All inquiries regarding the RMP should be directed to NMS. Contact phone numbers and addresses may be found at www.natmatch.com/ashprmp/

Eligibility

All pharmacy residencies that are ASHP-accredited or are in a preliminary accreditation, candidate, or pre-candidate status are required to participate in the RMP, except for some that are sponsored by the military or Public Health Service. Candidate and pre-candidate status means that a program has applied for accreditation and ASHP staff have been working with the program director to ensure that the program progresses toward meeting ASHP accreditation standards; however, the program has not yet been approved for accreditation. "Preliminary accreditation" is the status that may be granted to a program by ASHP, upon a recommendation by a site survey team. This will occur after the document review and site survey have been completed, and will be based on the finding that the program appears to meet the requirements for accreditation. Preliminary accreditation status is conditionally granted until ASHP grants accreditation status to the program.

Applicants seeking appointment to residency programs in an ASHP-accredited, candidate, pre-candidate, or preliminary accreditation status must enroll in the RMP by submitting an application form to NMS. The application form is available at www.natmatch.com/ashprmp/applagmt.pdf

Completion of a postgraduate year one (PGY1) pharmacy residency is required prior to applying to a postgraduate year two (PGY2) residency program.

Conditions for Participation in the RMP

Each applicant must sign and remit to NMS an agreement form stipulating that the applicant will accept any residency program position which he or she has listed on the Rank Order List and to which he or she is matched. Each applicant must remit a fee with the signed agreement form.

Each practice site conducting a pharmacy residency must sign and remit to NMS an agreement form stipulating that any applicant listed by the practice site on the Rank Order List and with whom the site is matched will be accepted. The practice site must also agree not to accept into its pharmacy residency program any applicant(s) who is (are) not enrolled in the RMP process until after the Match has occurred.

Important Implications

Applicants should include on their Rank Order Lists only those institutions to which they have applied and at which they would be willing to accept a position. Applicants or residency programs that do not wish to be matched, except for their highest choices, have the prerogative of listing only those choices acceptable. This allows both the program and the applicant the freedom to go unmatched if they do not get any of their highest choices. It is impossible for an applicant or residency program to become matched with a program/applicant not listed on the Rank Order List.

It is very important to note that, following submission of its Rank Order List, a participating residency program may not fill any of its residency positions until the results of the Match are known. Similarly, following submission of their Rank Order Lists, participating applicants must not accept an appointment with any residency until the results of the Match are known.

For important dates, more information, and registration procedures see www.natmatch.com/ashprmp/