

Midyear to Match Series

The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy

WHAT WE DID:

Objective:

The objective of our Midyear to Match Series is to inform students about residency programs, the residency application process, and strategies to make oneself an ideal resident candidate.

Plan:

Throughout the school year we hold six information sessions led by current residents focusing on different aspects of residency.

1. Residency Basics- An overview of what a residency consists of, how to set yourself apart in the early years of pharmacy school, and a basic timeline of events to applying for residencies.
2. Navigating Midyear- A question and answer session about how to prepare for Midyear, questions to ask at the residency showcase, and what sessions to attend at Midyear.
3. PhORCAS Webinar- A pre-recorded webinar that walks students through how to use PhORCAS (online application system).
4. Interviews- A panel discussion of do's and don'ts during interviews, questions to ask residency sites, and how to create a match list.
5. The Match and Scramble Logistics- A look at the logistics of the match process and advice on how to make an effective plan for the scramble.
6. Post-Match Discussion- P4 students who matched, scrambled, or did not match discuss their experience with the entire application process and what they did well and what advice they would give to students to do differently.

Outcome:

Average attendance at all sessions is 20-25 students. Ten to fifteen different residents and pharmacists participate in the sessions and help start a great pharmacy network and serve as resources for students interested in residency.

RESOURCES

- ashp.org has great information on residencies and the application process

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Contact residents in your area and ask them to speak about their experience applying to residencies
- Contact pharmacists who have gone through the residency process or who participate in residency interviews to give advice based on their experiences
- Ask pharmacists to help with a student CV critique to prepare for Midyear

Questions? Contact OSU SSHP at sshp.osu@gmail.com