



EMERGENCY MEDICINE A STUDENT GUIDE TO RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS

Evaluation Categories

- 1. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE**
USMLE 1 & 2, core clerkship grades, honorary memberships and awards
- 2. COMMITMENT TO EM**
Medic experience, EM scribe experience, Medical Reserve Corps experience, EM leadership, EM scholarship
- 3. LEADERSHIP**
Committee membership, interest group leadership, or community or organization leadership
- 4. SCHOLARSHIP**
Peer-reviewed publications, oral presentations, non-peer-reviewed presentations
- 5. SERVICE**
School & community committee membership, service organization participation

Important Websites

Click on the following to access the web pages to:

- ERAS Timeline** – www.cordem.org
- AAMC SVI Guide** – www.aamc.org
- EM Applicant Guide** – www.aamc.org
- EM Student Handbook** – www.saem.org
- EM Advising Resources** – www.cordem.org
- Additional Resources** – www.cordem.org

VSLO Opens
(formerly VSAS)
April 1

GW EM Rotation
May, June, or July

ERAS Application
Opens
June 7

AAMC Video
Interview
June 7 – July 15

Applicants submit
applications to EM
Programs
September 5

EM Programs review
applications
September 15

GW SLOEs Upload
Date
September 30

Dean's Letter (MSPE)
released to EM Programs
October 1

USMLE 2 CS Deadline
November 2019

Military Match Results
December 2019

Applicant Rank Lists
Due
February 2020

Match Day
March 2020

FAQs

► What does the successful EM residency applicant look like?

- ✓ Possesses objective achievements in all five student evaluation categories with significant achievements in two or more categories
- ✓ Well-considered and well-articulated professional goals, supported by past experience and apparent on CV or in personal statement
- ✓ USMLE 1 and/or 2 at or above the national average
- ✓ A character of professionalism displayed by being present, willing, honest, and kind

► How do I plan for a successful EM rotation?

Before Day 1...

- ✓ Begin reading Emergency Medicine Pretest and/or Case Files
- ✓ Review CDEM Clerkship Student Primer
- ✓ Review CORD Student Resources

During the Rotations...

- ✓ Be present: 90% of success is showing up
- ✓ Be willing: Ask and learn how to be valuable to the team on every shift; learn to anticipate team needs
- ✓ Be honest: Teamwork requires trust, which must be earned
- ✓ Be kind: Teamwork requires healthy professional relationships
- ✓ Study for the NBME exam every day after shifts

► How do I plan for a successful EM residency interview day?

Before Interview Day...

- ✓ Prepare for content: Review common interview questions and develop polished personal answers
- ✓ Prepare for the setting: Review the bios of the faculty, find common interests, and learn program themes and strengths
- ✓ Prepare for logistics: Allow extra time to arrive to all hosted events (with a margin), and prepare professional attire and appearance

On Interview Day...

- ✓ Be calm and confident – you’ve prepared well for the content, setting, and logistics
- ✓ Be present, willing, honest, and kind with everyone, always.
- ✓ Be appreciative with everyone and don’t criticize anyone or any place.

► How many visiting student EM rotations should I attend?

Plan for one away EMED rotation at an EM program with an ACGME-accredited residency program. Consider a second away if: you’re couples matching, you have firm geographic constraints, or you have a marginal application (these should be discussed explicitly with GW EM leadership).

► How many LORs will I need?

Three. Two Standardized Letters of Evaluation (SLOEs) from EM rotations (GW + 1 Away), and an additional letter from someone who can speak to your professional potential and/or personal character.

► How many EM residency programs should I apply to?

Start with 35 programs. We will recommend that you dial up or down from that number depending on regional preference, application strength, and program characteristics.

► How many EM residency programs should I interview with?

Plan for 13 EM residency interviews. We may recommend you dial up or down from this number depending on regional preference, application strength, and program characteristics.

► How many EM residency programs should I rank?

Rank every program that you would rather go to than be left unmatched (rank all programs, barring rare and extenuating circumstances).