

# Class of 2024: Planning your 4th year



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## Emergency medicine



### Priority scheduling

Emergency Medicine Months - Recommend EM early in 4th Year (April, May, June is best. July and August are fine, September at the latest).



### Recommended year 4 electives

A 2nd EM elective (either here or away) is becoming almost standard among current applicants. An "Audition Rotation" may be helpful if you are looking for a specific program or geographic location in mind. (In the past 3 or 4 possible away/elective sites were recommended. Now only 2 rotations are recommended.

Students can get in touch with programs early to set up away rotations through VSAS/VSLO) Other 4th Year electives to recommend - Sub- I should be completed early - Critical Care (Preferably early in the Year) - Anesthesia (Later in the year) - Cardiology - Radiology - Trauma surgery - Areas of interest (Toxicology, EMS, Medical Legal etc) - Areas of deficiency (Dermatology, Radiology, ENT, PEDS, ID etc)



### Suggested interview months

Leave one month open in November, December or January for interviews



### USMLE Step 2CK: timing/target scores/etc.

Take USMLE Step II early-Aug or Sep at latest (If you did poorly on Step I you can only improve) -Some programs will not interview without your Step 2 CK score!



### Letters of recommendation

- You will need a minimum of 3 letters- 2 – EM (SLOE) and 1 -non EM letter. 1 EM SLOE minimum.
- 2 EM letters (SLOE's) from 2 different sites is ideal.
- The EM letters need to be a SLOE ( Standardized Letter of Evaluation), it's available on the CORD website - Non-EM SLOE's for non-EM letter writers are a new option. However, these letters do not need to be in the SLOE format. They can go on standard letterhead if the writer prefers.

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