

Year 3 and 4 Career Checklist:

MS3 Year

1. __July-March: Contact faculty in specialties of interest that are not part of Year 3 core rotations and meet with and shadow to help narrow your areas of interest.
2. __July-Dec: Learn about specialties and gain clinical experience. Think about what you liked/disliked about each rotation. Consider your competitiveness for the specialties you are interested in.
3. __Oct-Dec: Register for Step 2 CS if you plan to take it in last June—Test sites fill up quickly and the cost of both Step 2 CK and CS usually increase after December 30.
4. Jan-June:
 - a. __Jan-March: Identify a faculty advisor/s in specialty(ies) that interest you
 - b. __Jan-March: Meet with faculty advisor and review academic record
 - c. __Jan-March: Attend faculty advising dinner
 - d. __Jan-March: Plan both type and order of Year 4 rotations
 - e. __Jan-March: Prepare for and schedule Step 2 CK/CS. Take both no later than October 31. The earlier the better! Must complete Year 3 coursework fully before you can take either exam.
 - f. __Jan-April: If you plan to do away electives, begin researching programs, gather required application materials, update immunizations and meet with your counselor to discuss the application process.
 - g. __Jan- June: Email faculty members on rotations you particularly enjoyed to ask for Letters of Recommendation; let them know you will not need them until June when ERAS opens.
 - h. __April: Participate in Year 4 lottery
 - i. __May: Participate in CV/Personal Statement Workshop
 - j. __April-June: Meet for MSPE letter. Bring updated CV. Develop a smart residency application strategy and plan!
 - k. __April-June: Review NRMP and Careers in Medicine Match Data- available on line

MS4 Year:

5. __June: Attend ERAS and Financial Aid Presentation
6. __June: Attend Residency Recruitment Fair
7. __June-July: Participate in MANDATORY ERAS training
8. __June-Sept: Prepare ERAS Application. Finalize personal statement.
9. __June-Sept: Research residency training programs: Use Careers in Medicine, FRIEDA online, Doximity
10. __June-Sept: Meet with financial aid to discuss your budget for residency interview
11. __June-Oct: Obtain Letters of Recommendation; Follow up with faculty members, send identified faculty members the ERAS LOR uploading instructional documents
12. __July-Sept: Take Step 2CK and CS.
13. __August: Review and approve MSPE letter for release on October 1
14. __Sept 15: Certify ERAS Application
15. __Sept-Oct: Register for NRMP
16. __Oct: Attend Mock Interview Session
17. __Nov-Feb: Interview at residencies
18. __Jan: Attend Rank Order List Presentation
19. __Jan-Feb: Certify Rank Order List
20. __March: Match Day – third Friday in March
21. __March: Order Cap and Gown
22. __April: Medical Student Recognition Program
23. __May: Pick up Cap and Gown
24. __May: Commencement!! You did it!