

Class of 2026 Match Timeline

Year 2	
September 26-Oct 27, 2023	Clinical Skills Exam (CSE) 2A
Early-December 2023	Class Meeting to understand choices about post-Year 2 (Step 1 and clerkship pathways: Standard, CCLC, and MHMC LIC)
Mid-January 2024	Assignment of 3 rd year clinical schedule, student switches allowed afterwards
January 22, 2024	MD Thesis due
Feb to Mar 2024	Submit preferences for hospital sites of clinical core rotations, assignments occur 8 weeks before the start of the core with a 1-week period for student switches
Late January 2024	Year 2 Portfolio (Part 1) due, Part 2 due late February 2024
Feb 13 - 29, 2024	Block 8 summative CSE 2B Exam
March 14 - 15, 2024	Block 6 ends with the SSEQs and NBME CBSE. Foundations of Medicine and Health is over!
March 18, 2024 – May 3, 2024	USMLE Step 1
Year 3	
May 6, 2024 -May 2, 2025	Traditional Clinical Cores 1-4, Cleveland Clinic Longitudinal Clerkship (CCLC), MHMC Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (LIC) & research/flexible time
December 31, 2024	Deadline for taking USMLE Step 1: must apply for an extension if cannot meet this deadline
January 2025	Class Meeting: CAREER PLANNING 1: Acting Internships (AI's) and 4 th year Electives
Dec 2024-Feb 2025	Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO) opens- Registrar gives access by request
February 1, 2025	Start scheduling for AI's & Electives that begin in May
February 2025	Class Meeting: CAREER PLANNING 2: Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE), Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS), other specialty specific application services
February 2025	ERAS token (special email) distributed via email from Registrar; only for LoR's
Spring/Summer 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialty Choice: Careers in Medicine, CWRU Roadmap to Residency • Update your Curriculum Vitae (CV): preparation for ERAS application and to give to your letter of recommendation (LoR) writers (usually request from AI's in May-Sept) • Schedule and complete the CSE 3 Exam
Spring 2025	Specialty specific group meetings led by CWRU specialty mentors
Spring-Fall 2025	Register for Early Match Specialties (Ophthalmology , Urology) and Military Matches
May 2, 2025	Clerkship year is over!
Year 4	
May 5, 2025	Start AIs, advanced electives, or USMLE 2CK study
June 2025	Class Meeting: CAREER PLANNING 3: ERAS 2.0: LoR, specialty advisors, full myERAS application is open (3 months to finish)
July-August 2025	Career Advising & Planning SD meetings 1,2 & 3 with your Society Dean to prepare your application: MSPE, LoR's, personal statement, specialty mentors...
September 1, 2025	Ideal deadline to take USMLE 2CK to have a score before ERAS opens on 9/28
September 15, 2025	Register with National Residency Matching Program (NRMP) for the Main Residency Match
September 16-27, 2025	MSPE and transcript uploaded to ERAS by the Registrar
June-September 2025	CAREER PLANNING Workshops: personal statement, interviewing, mock interviews
September 28, 2025	ERAS Application released to programs; programs may contact individual applicants via ERAS (NOTE: Based on the current ERAS schedule, subject to change. Students will be notified.)
October 2025	Residency Interviews Start (highly variable amongst specialties Oct-Jan)
December 31, 2025	CWRU deadline for taking USMLE Step 2 CK: students must apply for an extension by November 1, 2024 if they cannot meet the deadline
Mid-December 2026	Military Match results available
Early January 2026	Urology Match : deadline for submission of rank list, results late-January
January 2026	Ophthalmology Match (SF Match) deadline for submitting rank list, results mid-January
Late-January 2026	Residency Interviews End
January 31, 2026	NRMP registration deadline. \$50 late fee afterwards.
February 1, 2026	Applicants and programs may start entering their rank order lists (ROL) in NRMP.
Mid-February, 2026	Class Meeting: CAREER PLANNING 4: NRMP, ROL, and SOAP
Late February 2026	Final NRMP rank order list due for applicants and programs
March 16, 2026	SOAP Begins- only for unmatched students notified today
March 20, 2026	Match Day
April 2026	Required Capstone Transition to Residency Program
April – May 2026	Sign the contract with your residency program
May 17, 2026	Medical School Graduation and University Commencement
Mid-June 2026	Residency begins