

Class of 2028 Career Planning Match Timeline

Year 2	
November 3-6, 2025	Clinical Skills Exam (CSE) 2A
October/November 2025	Class Meetings to understand choices about post-Year 2 (Step 1 and clerkship pathways)
December/January 2025	Assignment of 3 rd year clinical schedule, student switches allowed afterwards
January 25-February 20, 2026 (Approx.)	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
January 26, 2026	MD Thesis due
Late January 2026	Year 2 Portfolio (Part 1) due, Part 2 due late February 2026
February 2026	Class Meeting: Choosing Electives to Support Your Career Exploration & Building Your Team
February 12-March 2, 2026	Block 8 summative CSE 2B Exam
March 16-19, 2026	Block 6 ends with SSEQs and NBME CBSE. Foundations of Medicine and Health is over!
March/April 2026	Start signing up for M3 career exploration electives
March 21-May 3, 2026	Dedicated Step 1 study period; Deadline to complete USMLE Step 1 is May 3, 2026
Year 3	
May 4, 2026-May 1, 2027	Clerkship Year
November 2026	Class Meeting: CAREER PLANNING 1: Acting Internships (AI's) and 4 th year Electives
November 2026	Class Meeting: CAREER PLANNING 1.5: VSLO & Away Electives
December 2026-February 2027	AAMC Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO) opens- Registrar gives access by request (away rotations, only relevant to specific specialties)
February 1, 2027	Start scheduling for AI's & Electives that begin in May
January 2027	Class Meeting: CAREER PLANNING 2: Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE), Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS), other specialty specific application services
February 2027	ERAS token (special email) distributed via email from Registrar; only for LoR's
Winter/Spring 2027	Specialty specific group meetings led by CWRU specialty mentors: Signaling, away rotations...
March-September 2027	Three Career Advising & Planning SD meetings with your Society Dean to prepare your application: MSPE, LoRs, personal statement, specialty mentors, etc.
Spring/Summer 2027	- 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 AIs in May-Sept) - Schedule and complete the CSE 3 Exam
Spring/Fall 2027	Register for Early Match Specialties (Ophthalmology , Urology) and Military Matches
Year 4	
May 4, 2027	Start acting internships, advanced electives, or USMLE 2CK study
June 2027	Class Meeting: CAREER PLANNING 3: Residency Applications & Signaling
September 1, 2027	Deadline for taking USMLE Step 2CK: must apply for an extension if cannot meet this deadline
September 15, 2027	Register with National Residency Matching Program (NRMP) for the Main Residency Match
Late-September 2027	MSPE and transcript uploaded to ERAS by the Registrar
June-September 2027	CAREER PLANNING Workshops: personal statement, interviewing, mock interviews
Late-September 2027	ERAS Application released to programs; programs may contact individual applicants via ERAS
October 2027-January 2028	Residency Interview Season
Mid-December 2027	Military Match results available
Early January 2028	Urology Match : deadline for submission of rank list, results late-January
January 2028	Ophthalmology Match (SF Match) deadline for submitting rank list, results mid-January
January 31, 2028	NRMP registration deadline. \$50 late fee afterwards.
February 1, 2028	Applicants and programs may start entering their rank order lists (ROL) in NRMP.
Mid February 2028	Class Meeting: CAREER PLANNING 4: NRMP, ROL, and SOAP
Late February 2028	Final NRMP rank order list due for applicants and programs
March 13, 2028	SOAP Begins- only for unmatched students notified today
March 17, 2028	Match Day
March 20-31, 2028	Required Capstone Transition to Residency Program
May 15-19, 2028	Graduation week and CAREER PLANNING 5: How to Graduate!
May 21, 2028	School of Medicine Diploma Ceremony
Mid June 2028	Residency begins