

Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology

RESIDENT MATCHING PROGRAM

Overview of the 2026 APPCN Match

The APPCN Resident Matching Program (the "Match") provides an orderly process to help applicants obtain positions in clinical neuropsychology residency sites of their choice, and to help residency sites obtain applicants of their choice. The Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology (APPCN) is responsible for establishing the policies of the Match and for monitoring the implementation of the Match. The Match is administered by National Matching Services Inc. (NMS) on behalf of APPCN.

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Residency sites that are members of APPCN are required to participate in the Match if they have positions available that start training between June 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026, and must offer through the APPCN Match all available positions.

To participate in the APPCN Match, the Program Director needs to set up a new account and [register](#) the program in the NMS Match System by October 10, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter. Account information from previous years is not active. [Step-by-step registration instructions](#) are available online.

Each residency site registers at least one program or track in the APPCN Match. Residency sites that offer different types of positions (e.g., adult, pediatric) should [register multiple programs](#) or tracks in the APPCN Match. This will permit applicants to rank specific programs at your residency site, and you will be able to rank specific applicants for each separate type of training.

A list of [participating programs](#) will be posted on the Match website by November 30, 2025.

[Manage Your Account](#)

Once registered, you can log into the NMS Match System to update residency site and program information, including [updating contact information](#), [modifying the number of positions offered](#) in the Match, [adding an additional program](#) to your residency, or adding [secondary users](#) to your account.

If a registered program will not offer any positions between June 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026, it must be [withdrawn](#) from the Match by the Rank Order List deadline.

[Applications](#)

Applicants apply to programs independently of the APPCN Match. Each program can set its own procedures for applications. NMS is not involved in the application or evaluation process.

Only applicants who register for and participate in the APPCN Match can be matched with your residency site. You should instruct any individuals interested in obtaining a position at your residency site to review the information for applicants on the [APPCN Match website](#) and register for the Match.

[Interviews](#)

Interviews may be scheduled either using the [NMS Interview](#) module in the NMS Match System or independently of the APPCN Match. All applicant interviews and evaluations must be completed before the Rank Order List deadline.

You must provide to your applicants, prior to the Rank Order List deadline, complete and accurate information concerning the eligibility requirements for appointment that have been established by your institution and residency site (e.g., required start date, background checks, etc.).

Match participants may not [solicit or communicate any ranking-related information](#), except as specifically permitted in the APPCN Match Policies. The Policies allow programs to voluntarily provide applicants with certain information about their candidacy and rankings, in accordance with [APPCN Match Policy #4d](#), particularly for applicants who have received preemptive offers from programs that are not participating in the Match.

You may not make an offer of appointment to a position to any applicant prior to the release of the APPCN Match results.

[Rankings](#)

Programs and applicants [submit Rank Order Lists](#) of their preferred choices into the NMS Match System by the Rank Order List deadline. You must prepare a separate Rank Order List for each program or track offered by your residency.

The Rank Order List for each program should include all applicants who would be acceptable, ordered according to your true preferences, without considering how you expect to be ranked by any applicant. The Match website has more information about the [optimal ranking strategy](#).

[Results](#)

NMS uses an [established and proven matching algorithm](#) to process the Rank Order Lists submitted by applicants and programs. Each program will match with the most preferred applicant(s) on its Rank Order List who have ranked the program and who are not matched to a program they prefer. Similarly, each applicant will match with the most preferred program that ranks the applicant and does not fill its positions with applicants the program prefers.

The [results of the APPCN Match](#) are made available online and by email on the Match Results Day. The Match result constitutes a binding commitment from which neither the applicant nor program can withdraw without mutual written consent. A program must offer admission to each applicant with whom it is matched, and the applicant must accept the offer and attend the program.

Programs with unfilled positions and applicants who did not match may participate in the [Post-Match Process](#) to fill available positions.

[Help Resources](#)

For additional information, review the [APPCN Match website](#), including the [Overview for Programs](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#), or [contact NMS support](#).