

Association of Chiropractic Colleges  
**CHIROPRACTIC RESIDENCY MATCH (Chiro Match)**

## Overview of the 2026 Chiro Match

The Chiro Match is an Application Service and Matching Program that provides an orderly process to help applicants obtain positions of their choice, and to help programs obtain applicants of their choice.

[Agreements and Rules](#) 

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[Chiro Match Support](#) 

### [Manage Your Match Account](#)

You have been assigned a 5-digit Code Number in the NMS Match System that uniquely identifies you in the Chiro Match. You should use your Chiro Match Code Number in all future communications related to the Chiro Match.

You can [log into the NMS Match System](#) to manage your [Account, Profile, and Status](#) information for the Chiro Match. If you no longer intend to participate in the 2026 Chiro Match, you must [withdraw from the Chiro Match](#) and not submit a Rank Order List.

### [Applications](#)

You must use the NMS Match System to prepare and submit all your applications to participating programs. [Required components of the application](#) include personal, educational, hospital-based clinical training, and license information; a PDF Personal Statement; a PDF CV; a PDF of your DC transcript (unofficial); and 3 letters of reference. Some components of your application can be customized for each program. Consult the [Application Service User Guide](#) for more information.

All programs have a default application deadline of January 23, 2026, but some may choose to extend their deadline beyond this date. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the application deadline date specified by the program. You are strongly encouraged to submit your applications well before the deadline, to ensure you have time to address any unexpected issues that may arise. Once the application deadline has passed for a program, you are not able to send an application to the program.

The [List of Participating Programs](#) on the Chiro Match website identifies the programs participating in the Chiro Match, and provides the application deadline and a link to additional information for each program. You may also wish to review [additional information on VA chiropractic residency programs](#). As soon as you find a program of interest, add the program to your list of pending applications in the NMS Match System. The program will be notified of your interest and will have access to your contact information, even before you submit your application, so they can reach out to you with information if they choose to do so.

### [Interviews](#)

Applicants and programs interview and evaluate each other independently of the Chiro Match. Some programs use the NMS Match System to [schedule their interviews](#). When scheduling interviews using the NMS Match System, you receive interview invitations by email and self-schedule into available timeslots online. You can also log into your NMS Match System account to view interview invitations and manage your interview schedule.

All interviews must be completed prior to the Rank Order List Deadline. You are reminded that, according to the [Applicant Agreement and Rules](#), you may not make any commitments to, or require any commitments from, any participating residency prior to the release of the Match results.

## [Rankings](#)

Once interviews and evaluations are complete, all applicants and programs submit Rank Order Lists of their preferred choices into the NMS Match System by the Rank Order List deadline. The [Rankings User Guide](#) has step-by-step instructions for entering and certifying your Rank Order List.

Your Rank Order List should include all programs you applied to that would be acceptable to you, ordered according to your true preferences. You should not consider how the program might rank you when ordering your programs. The Chiro Match website has more information about the [optimal ranking strategy](#).

If you certify a Rank Order List of programs and do not withdraw prior to the Rank Order List deadline, your rankings will be used in the Match. If you are matched, you must accept the position with which you are matched as outlined in the [Applicant Agreement and Match Rules](#).

## [Results](#)

NMS uses an established and proven [matching algorithm](#) to process the Rank Order Lists submitted by applicants and programs. You will be matched to the most preferred program on your Rank Order List that ranks you and does not fill all its positions with applicants it prefers to you. Similarly, each program will be matched with its most preferred applicant(s) that do not match to a program the applicant prefers.

Your Chiro Match result (whether you successfully matched to a position and, if so, to which program you matched) is provided to you online and by email on Match Results Day. The Chiro Match result constitutes a binding obligation between you and the program to which you matched. A program must offer admission to each applicant with whom it is matched, and the applicant must accept the offer and attend the program. Your appointment to the program to which you are matched may be contingent on satisfying eligibility requirements for appointment specified by the program and institution. If you refuse to accept the Match result, penalties may be imposed on you by ACC, as outlined in the Chiro Match Agreement and Rules.

Applicants who do not match and programs with unfilled positions may participate in the [Post-Match Process](#) to fill any positions that remain available.

## [Help Resources](#)

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