Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry
OPTOMETRY RESIDENCY MATCH (ORMatch)

Program Instructions for the 2024 ORMatch

The Optometry Residency Match (ORMatch) is an Application Service and Matching Program used to place applicants into residency positions. In order to obtain applications through ORMatch and participate in the Match, residencies must register for ORMatch.

Overview of ORMatch ›   Eligibility Criteria ›   Schedule of Dates ›

1 **Program Coordinators should register for ORMatch by August 31, 2023.**

- The Program Coordinator of each residency is sent an email with a unique link to start the online registration process. The registration process must be completed by the Program Coordinator, and includes the following steps:

  1. Set up a new account in the NMS Match System.

     Account information is not carried over from previous years.

  2. Confirm Residency Site and Program Information.

     Residencies must include in ORMatch all available positions that start training between April 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

     Each residency must register at least one program in ORMatch. Residencies that offer different types of positions (e.g. training at different locations) should register multiple programs in ORMatch.

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     Each program offered by a residency in ORMatch must have a program description that indicates the Category title of the program, and may optionally include up to two additional Emphasis Area titles, in accordance with the ASCO recommended Optometric Residency Titles and Descriptions.

     View Information on Optometric Residency Titles and Descriptions ›

  3. Electronically sign the Program Agreement, which incorporates the ORMatch Rules.

     View Program Agreement and ORMatch Rules ›

  4. The Program Coordinator will receive a confirmation email when the registration process is complete,

     Detailed step-by-step registration instructions are available online:

     View the Registration Guide ›

- Once registered, Program Coordinators can add new (secondary) users to their NMS Match System account. This feature is helpful if you want to give an alternate contact the ability to manage your program information for ORMatch.

  Learn About Adding Users to Your Account ›

- A list of participating programs will be posted on the ORMatch website by October 4, 2023.

2 **Applicants apply to programs using the ORMatch Application Service.**

- Only programs that are registered for ORMatch can receive and access applications from the ORMatch Application Service.

- The standard application submitted through ORMatch includes: a page of applicant contact, educational, and NBEO information; a Letter of Intent, CV, and unofficial transcript uploaded by the applicant; and, 3 letters of reference submitted by individuals chosen by the applicant.

Programs can request that applicants add other material to the ORMatch application as Supplemental Material. Applicants are able to update their Supplemental Material after submitting their application(s), and you will be notified of any update.

The Application Service provides a number of tools that you can use to help organize and manage your applications.

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- Ensure your listing in the ASCO Optometry Residency Directory is up to date and includes your application deadline, a proper program description, and application requirements and procedures for your residency.

  View ASCO's Optometry Residency Directory ›

- The ORMatch Application Service will open for applicants and programs on October 4, 2023.

- In February, ORMatch will provide programs with verified NBEO scores for each applicant who applied to the program by January 31, 2024. Verified scores will not be provided by ORMatch in February for applicants who apply to your program after January 31.

- All applicant interviews should be completed before the Rank Order List deadline (February 27, 2024). You may not require a commitment from or make an offer of appointment to any applicant prior to the release of the ORMatch results.

  Read More About Interviews ›

3 | **Each program must submit a Rank Order List of applicant choices for the Match by February 27, 2024.**

- All Rank Order Lists are submitted online in the NMS Match System. The NMS Match System opens for the entry of rankings on February 12, 2024.

  View the Rankings User Guide ›

- If a program will not offer any positions in 2024, it must be withdrawn by the Rank Order List deadline.

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- Rank all acceptable applicants in order of your true preferences, without considering how you expect to be ranked by any applicant.

  Read More About Rankings ›

4 | **ORMatch results will be available on March 5, 2024.**

- ORMatch results will be sent to programs and applicants by email and will be available online in the NMS Match System.

  Learn More About the Results of ORMatch ›

- Programs with unfilled positions after the Match may participate in the Post-Match Process to fill those positions

  Learn More About the Post-Match Process ›

- In June, ORMatch will send programs verified NBEO score information for each applicant who matched to the program. The NBEO score report provided in June can also include applicants accepted into the program in the Post-Match Process.

Consult the ORMatch website or contact NMS if you have questions about ORMatch.