

# 2012 CASPR CYCLE

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The Council of Teaching Hospitals (COTH) as the administrator of the CASPR/CRIP programs has made modifications to the 2012 cycle process. COTH would like to bring these to your attention.

## Qualified Candidates

COTH, in accordance with the CPME 320 of July 1, 2011, has ruled that only those candidates that have passed APMLE Parts I and II will participate in the 2012 CASPR Match. The National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners has added an additional administration for Part II. Part II will be given on January 6, March 7 and May 2, 2012. This will allow for two opportunities to pass Part II prior to the CASPR Match. The result of this will benefit all programs as a program will not be matched with an unqualified applicant.

## 2012 Calendar Modifications

NBPME has agreed to honor the request of AACPM's Council of Deans and COTH not to release the January APMLE Scores until after CASPR ranking closes. To allow students time to register for the March examination if needed, COTH has slightly modified the length of the ranking segment. The Ranking Tab will open on January 18, 2012 and will close on February 6th at 11:59 pm eastern time. Ranking is not based solely on passage of the national board examinations. Programs should continue to rank candidates in their priority order. CASPR will not report the results of the January or March administrations. The notation of passage of Part II will be added to candidate applications after the Match to facilitate the Scramble process for qualified, unmatched applicants.

## 2012 Match Announcements

Because the running of the Match and the announcement of the results are dependent upon the release of the January and March scores to CASPR, the Match Date is uncertain at this time. COTH has adopted the following policy to alert you to the release date of the Match Announcements:

On the day CASPR receives the March APMLE Part II scores, an email will be sent to all program directors, colleges and students announcing that the Match results will be available via [www.CASPRweb.org](http://www.CASPRweb.org) on the seventh business day following the receipt of these scores.

Based on the scores from the January and March APMLE Part II examinations, unsuccessful applicants will be withdrawn from the rankings previously submitted by the residency directors. This process will not affect your ranking order, but will move successful candidates higher if any ranked student no longer qualifies.

## Scramble Guidelines

The COTH Administrative Board has adopted the following guidelines to be followed during the Scramble period between the CASPR Match Announcements and the start of residency training on July 1st.

- Scramble interviews are to be conducted via Skype or similar technology or by telephone in place of or prior to in-person interviews.
- In-person interviews should be limited to the final few candidates and used only when absolutely necessary or required by the institution.
- Candidates should make a commitment within seven business days of the position offer. This commitment would be final.

Candidates should notify CASPR, the Graduate Placement Directors and any other pending programs via email once they have been placed into residency training. Please maintain clear communication with any Scramble applicants throughout the process to avoid unnecessary travel expense and loss of time from clerkships and college responsibilities. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.