

Advice from Previous CRIP Participants:

- Visit more programs than you are interested in because anything can happen. You never know what changes can be made at the last moment that may change your decision.
- Stay Calm, practice interviewing each other with friends.
- Don't freak out! Go through trauma & ankle classifications! Wear comfortable shoes.
- Travel with the correct and important phone numbers at hand.
- Schedule early as possible so your Dec weekend is not all hectic and you don't waste time you could be traveling.
- Study daily! Really get to know the programs you are interested in. Ask many questions about daily requirements and on call requirements. Know the specific needs of you and your family.
- Interview with all programs you like, even if you don't think you have a chance.
- Try to get your own room if possible; & make sure you make reservation yourself. Between interviews, the school break room has a great place to bounce off other students' interviews, feedback on what interviews were like. If interviews on 2 days, it was worth staying the night. Ask classmates about callbacks & how they went, what they heard about ranking, in a subtle way, if appropriate. Make sure you eat. Don't get discouraged by any interviews, but know which ones went well, esp. if they tell you so.
- Read all the paper work you receive in the mail.
- You will be asked questions that not even practicing podiatrist would know or even the person asking you so it is ok to say you don't know the answer.
- Work on personal interview skills, not just academic.
- Be aware that programs may call you after interviews for a commitment!
- Start visiting early. Use vacation & weekends!