

# **CASPR MATCH PROGRAM**

## **A General Explanation and Sample of the Process**

The CASPR Match Program is the final phase of the central application service, in which podiatric residency positions are filled through a computerized matching program.

The basis for the CASPR match program is the comparison of priority selections by the applicants and the podiatric residency programs, recorded on the CASPR Selection Forms. In the match, the confidential Selection Forms (numerical rank orders) are the only determinants of offers and acceptances of residency spaces. The match is carried out by a computer program that uses a complex set of decision rules to match students to programs based on the rankings by applicants and residency programs on their Selection Forms.

A residency program is never matched with an applicant whom it does not rank. Only those applicants ranked by the program will have the potential of being matched to the program. If none of the residency programs selects a particular applicant, that applicant is not arbitrarily "placed" but, rather, goes unmatched.

The results of the matching program are mailed to the applicants and residency programs on the second Monday of March by first class mail. Match results will not be released by telephone. CASPR will not divulge confidential ranking information.

Upon completion of the matching process there will be some unmatched applicants, and some residency programs that may not have filled all of their positions. All unmatched applicants are provided a list of residency programs that still have remaining spaces; residency programs with remaining spaces are provided a companion list of unmatched applicants who had applied to those programs. Applicants and residency programs are then free to make individual arrangements.

With the current state of more residency positions than candidates, students should be doubly aware of the competition for certain programs. Programs are also aware of the changing situation as they compete for the best possible resident for their program. Although you are encouraged to rank all programs you interview with in your priority order, you must be sure that all of the programs you rank fall within your range of willingness to attend. If you will only be content with a two-year surgical program, for example, you should not rank one-year medical programs. If you really do not want a surgical program, you should not rank it. If stipend and/or location are of greater concern than the type of residency, rank only those programs that would fulfill your requirements. Although most students match within their first few choices, it is also possible to match with your last choice. Give equal consideration to each of your choices prior to ranking them.



B. Cohen and Brown are then removed from the lists of the other programs.

C. With Cohen and Brown eliminated from contention, General's quota must now be extended to include the #3 choice, Adams, indicated by the broken line - Adams.

Step II

		APPLICANT	SELECTION	FORMS	
Adams*	Brown*	Cohen*	Davis	Evans	Fisher
General*	General*	County*	General	Mercy	General
Metro	County	Metro	County	County	County
Mercy	Metro	General	Mercy	General	Mercy
County	Mercy	Mercy	Metro	Metro	Metro

PROGRAM SELECTION FORMS

<u>County</u> (2)	<u>General</u> (2)	<u>Mercy</u> (1)	<u>Metro</u> (1)
Cohen *	Cohen	<u>Davis</u>	<u>Fisher</u>
<u>Evans</u>	<u>Brown *</u>	<del>Adams-E</del>	Davis
Davis	<u>Adams *D</u>	<del>Cohen-D</del>	<del>Adams-E</del>
Fisher	Fisher	Evans	Evans
<del>Brown-B</del>	Davis	Fisher	<del>Brown-D</del>
<del>Adams-E</del>	Evans	<del>Brown-D</del>	<del>Cohen-D</del>

D. Another 1 to 1 run against the adjusted quotas matches Adams to General (\*).

E. Adams is removed from the lists of the other programs.

F. With the match of Adams, General has filled its two positions and matching for this program is completed. No additional 1 to 1 matches are possible, since no applicant has an available first choice program at which the applicant is within the adjusted quota.

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Step III

APPLICANT SELECTION FORMS

Adams*	Brown*	Cohen*	Davis	Evans	Fisher
General*	General*	County*	General	Mercy	General
Metro	County	Metro	County	County	County
Mercy	Metro	General	Mercy	General	Mercy
County	Mercy	Mercy	Metro	Metro	Metro

PROGRAM SELECTION FORMS

<u>County</u> (2)	<u>General</u> (2)	<u>Mercy</u> (1)	<u>Metro</u> (1)
Cohen *	Cohen	<u>Davis</u> ?H (*J)	<u>Fisher</u> ?I (*J)
<u>Evans</u> ?G (*J)	<u>Brown</u> *	Adams	Davis H
Davis	Adams *	Cohen	Adams
Fisher	Fisher	Evans	<u>Evans</u> -G
<u>Brown</u>	<u>Davis</u>	Fisher	<u>Brown</u>
Adams	Evans	<u>Brown</u>	Cohen

G. A simple comparison of applicants' second choices to programs' first choices is made, in a 2 to 1 run. Evans is tentatively matched to County (indicated by - Evans?) and is removed from the list of his lower selection (Metro), being assured of at least the tentative position. The computer program returns to a 1 to 1 run, producing no matches.

H. Since the 1 to 1 run produced no results, another 2 to 1 run is made, which creates no matches. The next progression is then a single 3 to 1 run of applicants' third choices against the programs' current first choices. Davis is tentatively matched to Mercy (?), and removed from his lower selection (Metro). The computer program returns to a 1 to 1 run with no matches. A single 2 to 1 run also produces no matches, as does a single 3 to 1 run.

I. A single 4 to 1 run tentatively matches Fisher to Metro (?).

J. All positions are filled and the tentative matches become permanent, completing the match.

Each applicant matched to his/her highest ranked program that offered him/her a position.