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### **What is CASPR?**

The Centralized Application Service for Podiatic Residencies (CASPR) is a national application and matching service provided by American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (AACPM).

Through one online application, CASPR enables applicants to apply to any or all of the podiatric residency programs participating in the service. Through CASPR, residency program directors obtain from applicants materials such as personal statements, APMLE Part I and Part II scores, medical college transcripts, and clinical evaluations. Residency Programs can select applicants to interview and rank applicants to whom they want to offer a residency position. The CASPR match tries to match a residency with a ranked student. Match results are then released to both the programs and students in March.

### **Who can participate in CASPR?**

CASPR is open to all residency programs approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) and all graduates of accredited US colleges of podiatric medicine.

### **Why CASPR?**

Section 3.3 of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education's CPME: 320 Document states: "The sponsoring institution shall participate in a national resident application matching service. The sponsoring institution shall not obtain a binding commitment from the prospective resident prior to the date established by the national resident matching service in which the institution participates." (CPME: 320, 3.3)

### **Is CASPR affiliated with CPME?**

No. The Council on Podiatric Medical Education is an autonomous accrediting agency for podiatric medical education. Deriving its authority from the House of Delegates of the American Podiatric Medical Association, CPME is empowered to develop and adopt standards and policies for the accreditation of colleges of podiatric medicine, the approval of fellowships and residency programs, providers of continuing education, and the recognition of specialty certifying boards for podiatric medical practice.

### **How does my institution/program participate in CASPR?**

Contact us to get a CASPRWeb account so you may start your registration on [www.CASPRweb.org](http://www.CASPRweb.org). Registration requires submitting payment, the signed [CASPR Institutional Agreement](#), selecting your level of participation, and completing the information about your program to be published in the annual CASPR Directory of Podiatric Residency Programs. Your residency program is not published in the CASPR directory until all registration requirements are complete.

### **What services does CASPR provide for me?**

Through CASPR, potential applicants from every college of podiatric medicine learn about your program through the "*CASPR Directory of Podiatric Residency Programs*." The directory is published on the CASPR/CRIP web site in July and routinely updated throughout the cycle. CASPR also allows applicants to apply to your program by designating it on the website and you may check CASPRWeb in November to view the applicants applying to your program. CASPR delivers applicant files directly to your program online. And, you may use CASPR to alert applicants to the status of their application and your interview plans.

### **How will applicants learn the basic requirements and benefits of my program?**

The [\*CASPR Directory of Podiatric Residency Programs\*](#) is available on [www.casprcrip.org](http://www.casprcrip.org) for all applicants to review. Your page in the directory details the requirements and benefits of your program and provides a snapshot of your hospital, the clinical experiences and didactic program provided for the resident, and any special program requirements such as minimum grade point average or acceptance limited to graduates of a particular podiatric medical college. Your program may update your published information any time during the cycle. Any changes will be highlighted under “What’s New” on the website.

### **Is my sponsoring institution required to be a member of COTH to participate in CASPR?**

No. COTH membership in AACPM is optional for your institution. However, we encourage you to join COTH to stay informed of news affecting podiatric medical education, to keep current with best practices in graduate medical education, and to participate in COTH continuing medical education offerings.

### **Is participation in CASPR’s Centralized Residency Interview Program (CRIP™) required?**

No. Participation in CRIP is optional. However, by signing the CASPR Institutional Agreement, your program agrees to abide by the [Standards and Practices for Resident Selection](#) that establishes guidelines for interviewing particularly that you will not interview applicants until after CRIP.

### **What is the significance of the CASPR Institutional Agreement?**

This binding agreement, signed by the hospital administrator and the residency director, states your podiatric residency program will comply with CASPR rules and regulations governing the application, selection, matching, and appointment of CASPR applicants for podiatric residency positions. Handwritten signatures are required.

### **Must I match all my positions through CASPR?**

Per CPME requirements, sponsoring institutions “shall participate in a national resident application matching service.” As a residency program participating in CASPR, you must match all of your active, approved entry-level positions through CASPR as agreed in the CASPR Institutional Agreement.

### **When is Match Week?**

Match Week is in March. Match status (matched or unmatched) is posted on CASPRweb at 11 AM Eastern on Match Week Monday for residency programs and applicants. MP II begins at 5pm that same Monday and ends Friday at 11am Eastern for any unmatched applicants and positions. Match results regarding which applicants matched with which programs on Monday are posted to CASPRweb at 3pm Eastern on Friday.

### **What should programs and applicants reveal about ranking choices?**

**Neither a program nor an applicant must ever be required to state a rank order or make any commitment prior to the CASPR Match.** Applicants must not be required name other programs that they are interested in pursuing. CASPR recommends that residency programs NOT verbally communicate their intention to rank an applicant as it may negatively impact the ranking behavior of an applicant. Applicants should rank programs based on the applicant’s criteria and not on whether they think they will match with a program. An applicant may volunteer their ranking information to a residency program.

### **How does the CASPR Match work?**

The basis for the CASPR Match program is the comparison of priority ranking selections made by the applicants and the podiatric residency programs as entered on CASPRweb.org. In the Match, these CONFIDENTIAL rankings are the only determinants of matched residency

positions. A description of the Match is available on [www.casprcrip.org](http://www.casprcrip.org) in the “Especially for Residency Directors” section.

**How does the computer know my choices for the Match?**

CASPR knows your choices through the ranking service provided on CASPRweb. Both applicants and programs rank their selections on the site in priority order. Rankings may be changed up until the deadline, at which time all rankings in the system are final. Ranking is confidential and neither programs nor their applicants are provided with ranking information.

**Will our program be matched with a resident it does not want?**

No. A residency program is never matched with an applicant it has not ranked.

**What happens if I have positions unfilled following the Match?**

Applicants and programs know by Monday of Match Week, if they matched. This information is posted on all program and student accounts at CASPRweb.org. Programs with open positions are required to participate in Match Phase Two (MP II). MP II is a structured process of offers and acceptances between programs and applicants over six rounds. Applicants who are unmatched may modify and resubmit their application and apply to programs with available positions. Programs review submitted applications, may conduct phone interviews, and rank candidates in order of preference. Programs and applicants may rank as many or as few choices as they wish. CASPR recommends ranking any applicant that meets the requirements of your program and who is deemed to be compatible with your program personnel. Applicants are encouraged to rank any program they are willing to attend.

We look forward to working with you throughout the upcoming year and hope we have answered your questions regarding the CASPR application and matching service. If you have additional questions, please contact our office at [casprweb@aacpm.org](mailto:casprweb@aacpm.org).



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