

NRMP Main Residency Match and AOA Match: Matching Plan Comparison

Parameter	AOA Intern/Resident Registration Program	Main Residency Match (“the Match”)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Eligibility 	<p>Programs accredited by the AOA are eligible to participate in the AOA Match. Programs accredited only by the ACGME, even those with osteopathic recognition, are NOT eligible for the AOA Match.</p>	<p>Programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) OR dually accredited by the ACGME and the AOA are eligible to participate in the Main Residency Match.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AOA programs achieving Initial Accreditation from the ACGME are eligible to participate in the Match. ○ Programs with ACGME Preaccreditation are not eligible to participate in the Match.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant Eligibility 	<p>The AOA Match is open to students and graduates of osteopathic medical schools.</p>	<p>The Match is open to U.S. allopathic and osteopathic medical school students and graduates and U.S. and non-U.S. citizen international medical school students and graduates. The eligibility of U.S. allopathic and osteopathic medical school students and graduates is determined by their medical schools. The eligibility of all IMGs is determined by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training Year 	<p>AOA provides matching services for Osteopathic Graduate Medical Education (OGME) Years 1 and 2.</p>	<p>NRMP provides matching services for specialties accredited by the ACGME to begin in Post-Graduate Year (PGY) 1 or 2.*</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialties 	<p>AOA provides matching services for ALL base specialties.</p>	<p>NRMP provides matching services for all core specialties EXCEPT Urology and Ophthalmology.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Sponsorship 	<p>Programs participating in the AOA Match are sponsored by Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institutions (OPTI).</p>	<p>Programs participating in the Match are sponsored by ACGME-accredited sponsoring institutions.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Oversight 	<p>AOA-accredited institutions assign a Director of Medical Education to oversee and administer the institution’s accredited training programs.</p>	<p>ACGME-accredited sponsoring institutions assign a Designated Institutional Official to oversee and administer the institution’s accredited training programs.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Match Official 	<p>The Director of Medical Education OR the Institution Education Officer serves as point of contact for all communication from the AOA regarding the AOA Match.</p>	<p>The NRMP Institutional Official oversees the matching process and communicates with the NRMP on matters regarding the institution’s registered programs. In most institutions, the ACGME DIO is the NRMP IO.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application 	<p>Applicants participating in the AOA Match must register separately with the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS®) to submit applications.</p>	<p>Applicants participating in the Main Match must register separately with the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS®) to submit applications.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Post-Match	Osteopathic physicians can participate in the AOA <i>Scramble</i> if they do not match to a position.	Eligible applicants can participate in the Match Week Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (<i>SOAP</i>) if they are partially matched or do not match to any position.
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*PGY-3 matching services are provided for Child Neurology only.