

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists

RESIDENT MATCHING PROGRAM

Overview of the 2026 ASHP Match

The ASHP Resident Matching Program (the "Match") provides an orderly process to help applicants obtain positions in residency programs of their choice, and to help residencies obtain applicants of their choice. The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) is responsible for establishing the Rules of the Match, and for monitoring the implementation of the Match. The ASHP Match is administered by National Matching Services Inc. (NMS) on behalf of ASHP.

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[Registration](#)

To participate in the ASHP Match, the Residency Program Director must [register](#) the residency in the NMS Match System by September 5, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter. [Step-by-step registration instructions](#) are available online.

To register, you must create a new account in the NMS Match System, as account information is not carried over from previous years for security reasons. Participating residencies must offer through the Match all available positions that start training between June 1 and December 31, 2026.

Residencies that offer different types of positions (e.g., training at different sites, etc.) should [register multiple programs or tracks](#) in the Match. If you intend to offer a multi-site residency and want to add a new site, you must have the request approved by the ASHP [before](#) making the change in the NMS Match System. Multi-site PGY1 Community Pharmacy residencies may register separate programs/tracks at a maximum of 5 different sites. (Review Pages 4-6 of [ASHP Regulations on Accreditation of Pharmacy Residencies](#).)

A list of [participating programs](#) will be posted on the Match website by November 5, 2025.

Subject to certain conditions, a PGY2 residency program that is registered for the Match may commit a position to a current PGY1 resident in advance of the matching process through the [Early Commitment Process](#).

[Manage Your Account](#)

Once registered, you can log into the NMS Match System to update residency site or program information, including [contact information](#), [number of positions offered](#) in the Match, [program/track additions or changes](#), and adding or modifying [additional users](#) on your account.

If a registered program will not offer any positions in 2026, it must be [withdrawn](#) from the Match by the Rank Order List deadline.

[Applications](#)

All applicants send applications to residencies using the [PhORCAS online application system](#). PhORCAS is a separate and distinct service from the Match, run by a different organization. However, residencies must register for the Match in order to receive applications in PhORCAS. After you register for the Match, your program(s) will be added automatically into PhORCAS with the application deadline date you specified during the Match registration process. Once PhORCAS has opened for applications, any change to the application deadline date must be made directly in PhORCAS (not In the NMS Match System).

When searching for programs of interest, applicants may consult [two sources of information](#) that are maintained separately: the ASHP Residency Directory and the Match List of Participating Programs. Residency programs should ensure their information (e.g., Residency Program Director, residency name and location) is consistent in both places.

[Interviews](#)

All applicant interviews must be completed before the Rank Order List deadline. Applicants and programs interview and evaluate each other independently of the Match.

According to the [Residency Agreement and ASHP Match Rules](#), in your communications with applicants, you may inform an applicant whether or not they are being considered for admission, but you may not disclose or request any other ranking information. Furthermore, you may not require a commitment from any applicant or make an offer of appointment to any applicant prior to the release of the Match results (except for PGY2 positions committed through the Early Commitment Process).

[Rankings](#)

The ASHP Match is conducted in two phases. Each program and each applicant submit a Rank Order List of their preferred choices by the Rank Order List deadline for Phase I of the Match on March 6, 2026. The Phase I matching process will be carried out using those Rank Order Lists to place applicants into positions.

Programs with positions available after Phase I will offer those positions to eligible applicants in Phase II. Applicants who do not obtain a position in Phase I, as well as applicants who register after the Phase I Rank Order List deadline, will be eligible to participate in Phase II. All programs and applicants participating in Phase II must submit their Rank Order Lists by the Phase II Rank Order List deadline on April 15, 2026. The Phase II matching process will then be carried out using those Rank Order Lists.

The Rank Order List(s) you submit for either Phase of the Match should include all applicants participating in that Phase who have applied to your program and would be acceptable to you, ordered according to your true preferences. The Match website has more information about the [optimal strategy](#) for constructing your Rank Order List(s), as well as a [Rankings User Guide](#) providing step-by-step instructions for submitting your Rank Order List(s).

[Results](#)

NMS uses an established and proven [matching algorithm](#) to process the Rank Order Lists submitted by programs and applicants. Your program will be matched with the most preferred applicants on your Rank Order List that rank your program and do not match with programs they prefer to yours. Similarly, each applicant will be matched with their most preferred program that ranks them and does not fill its positions with applicants it prefers.

The [results of the Match](#) are made available online and by email on the Match Results Day for each Phase of the Match. The results of Phase I of the Match will be provided on March 18, 2026; the results for Phase II will be provided on April 22, 2026.

The Match results constitute a binding commitment between applicants and residency programs. You must accept the applicants matched with your program as outlined in the [Residency Agreement and Match Rules](#).

If your residency has one or more unfilled positions after Phase II of the ASHP Match, you may offer those positions to applicants in the [Post-Match Process](#).

[Help Resources](#)

For additional information, review the [Match website](#), including the [Overview for Programs](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or [contact NMS support](#).