

Council on Residency Placement (CORP) Webinar: It's Time to Fill Out ERAS, Now What?

Summary/Highlights

On June 16, 2022, the AACOM [Council on Residency Placement \(CORP\)](#) Podcast & Resources Sub-Working Group hosted a webinar to help advise medical students on the steps to take for filling out the Electronic Residency Application Service® (ERAS) application.

Watch a [recording of the webinar](#) and read our key takeaways:

Important Dates

- **September 16, 2022:** This is a hard deadline to submit ERAS Supplemental applications, meaning that you cannot submit any supplemental applications after this date.
- **September 28, 2022:** Any and all applications you submit before September 28 (when programs can begin reviewing applications) will be timestamped with a submission date of September 28. Any applications you submit after September 28 will be timestamped with the date on which you actually submitted them.

Completing the ERAS Application

General Tips/Advice

- **SAVE, SAVE, SAVE!** Save your application frequently, as it does not autosave and you do not want to lose anything you fill out!
- **PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD!** Proofread your application before submitting it! In myERAS Dashboard, you can view/print your CV and view/print your application. It is highly recommended that you review your application and proofread it to make sure there are no errors.
- **READ AND FOLLOW THE [ERAS USER GUIDE](#)!** This will be your best friend as you complete the sections of the ERAS application.
- The only section you can edit once your application is certified and submitted is the Personal Information section.
- Be sure to utilize [ERAS Supplemental Application resources](#) when filling out supplemental applications.

Filling out ERAS

- Keep your contact details in the personal information section updated throughout the interview season as this section is the only part of the application that can be edited and updated for programs past the application certification and submission dates.
- For questions that have space for you to write out a short answer or essay response, be as clear as possible. Limit the use of abbreviations, as not all will be fully understood by programs reviewing your application. Configure your responses to be as thorough as possible while still adhering to the character/word count limits.

Personal Statement(s)

- Take your time to write your personal statement(s). This is a very important component of your application. Seek and utilize resources available to you to help you write your personal statement(s), including your COM's writing center, mentors, peers, etc.
- You can tailor your personal statement(s) to each specialty you are applying to and can even tailor to specific programs.

Letters of Recommendation

- Show initiative when requesting letters of recommendation (LoRs). Ask for LoRs from clerkship faculty and other individuals in leadership positions during your clinical experiences.
- It is recommended that you select "Yes" for the question of waiving your right to view the LoR. Note that you still cannot see the LoR in ERAS even if you select "No" to this question. [Access CORP LoR resources here!](#)

MyERAS Dashboard

The MyERAS Dashboard is an important management tool that allows you to track your documents and progress for completing all sections and components of the ERAS application. You are able to see if each individual section of the application is complete as well as if your medical school transcript and Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) have been uploaded by your medical school.

ERAS Personal Information

In the Personal Information section, you will enter various personal and demographic information, including your AAMC account information, name, gender, email address, mailing address, work authorization information and Match information. Keep this information updated and current throughout the interview season.

In the Match information subsection of the Personal Information section, you should select "Yes" for the question that asks whether you plan to participate in the NRMP Match. If you have already registered for the NRMP Match, you can enter your NRMP ID in the next box. This will link your NRMP Match profile to your ERAS application. The NRMP ID is added after you register for the NRMP. You can go back to add it when you register.

In the Additional Information subsection of the Personal Information section, if you have taken USMLE exams, you are required to enter your USMLE ID in the appropriate box. Also, only check the ACLS, PALS or BLS checkboxes if you are currently certified at the time you are filling out those questions.

ERAS Biographic Information

In the Biographic Information section, you will enter other various personal and demographic information not included in the Personal Information section. The information in this section includes racial/ethnic self-identification, language fluency and military information. Language is the only required component of this section.

ERAS Education

There are two main subsections of the Education section: Higher Education and Medical Education. There is also a subsection titled Additional Information. This is where you will write in any professional society/association memberships and awards/accomplishments. For any awards and memberships you report, you should add the relevant date(s).

ERAS Experience

Fill out **ALL** fields for any entries you add in the Experience section, including the reason for leaving. Also, ensure that you provide clear and concise answers.

For anything in the Experience section that needs to be verified by your COM, make sure to communicate with your COM to verify this information with them beforehand so there are no discrepancies between what they report to ERAS and the information you submit in your application.

The Experience section is a very important part of the ERAS application, as this is where you can showcase to programs how you stand out from other applicants and why you are the ideal candidate.

Programs love to ask interview questions based on your entries in the Experience section of ERAS (as many as 90% of interview questions came from this section for one of the speakers!). Be prepared to discuss your entries.

The Training subsection will most likely not apply to you as a current medical student. You will only add an entry if you have previously entered a medical residency or fellowship. Most medical students will select NONE.

ERAS Licensure

Report any licenses from other careers or previous medical licenses in the State Medical Licenses subsection. It is recommended that you report only active licenses that you hold in this subsection.

The Additional Questions subsection is where you will fill out any prior malpractice cases and misdemeanor and felony charges filed against you. If any of these apply to you, it is suggested that you consult your attorney for legal advice on how to best answer these questions without being misleading.

ERAS Publications

ERAS uses an APA citation/reference style to report publications, so keep this in mind.