



Council on Residency Placement

M&M for the SOAP: A Case-based Session Uncovering the Mystery and Mechanics for When Students Don't Match

2023 NRMP Match Week Timeline



Date	Activity
March 13 th 9am CST	Applicants learn if they matched
March 13 th 9am CST	SOAP Begins
March 16 th 8am-8pm CST	SOAP Rounds
March 17 th 11am CST	Match Day Results Released

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2023 SOAP® Schedule		
<p>MONDAY, MARCH 13</p> <p>9 a.m. CST: SOAP begins; applicants learn of their Match Status from the NRMP® (by email and R3® system). List of unfilled programs is released.</p> <p>10 a.m. CST: MyERAS® opens; SOAP applicants can start preparing applications</p>	<p>TUESDAY, MARCH 14</p> <p>7 a.m. CST: PDWS opens; programs participating in SOAP can begin reviewing applications and contact applicants once their applications are received</p>	<p>THURSDAY, MARCH 16</p> <p>8-10 a.m. CST: SOAP Round 1</p> <p>11-1 p.m. CST: SOAP Round 2</p> <p>2-4 p.m. CST: SOAP Round 3</p> <p>5-7 p.m. CST: SOAP Round 4</p> <p>8 p.m. CST: SOAP ends</p>



Important SOAP Information



- You're not alone!
- Partially matched applicants and couples will be able to see the location of their partial match in R3.
- There is no fee to participate in SOAP if you registered for The Match if you applied to at least one ACGME-accredited program prior to SOAP
- Applicants are able to submit 45 applications during SOAP
 - *Applications can be used in multiple specialties*
 - *International students still need to select programs that will sponsor Visas*



SOAP Information Continued

- Fully-unmatched, SOAP-eligible applicants who wish to refrain from participating in SOAP to pursue interests other than clinical training may do so in lieu of participating in SOAP provided:
 - *The position is not affiliated with a Match- or SOAP-participating program;*
 - *The position does not qualify for training credit in an ACGME-accredited program; and*
 - *The applicant does not submit any applications to SOAP-participating programs during Match Week.*
- SOAP-eligible applicants must use ERAS to apply and accept positions through SOAP until SOAP ends



SOAP Rules

- Offers can only be made once per program – if you reject or ignore an offer one round, it cannot come back around to you
- If partially matched, only have access to unfilled programs in category needed (i.e. - matched advanced position, can see prelim programs only; matched prelim, can only see unfilled advanced positions)
- Offers accepted during SOAP are binding
- Programs must initiate contact; **applicant and their reps cannot communicate with a program until/unless the program initiates contact once they receive an application**



Table 4 Applicants in the Matching Program, 2018 - 2022

Applicant	2022		2021	
	No.	%	No.	%
Seniors of U.S. DO Medical Schools				
▲Active Applicants*	7,303	100	7,101	100
Matched PGY-1	6,666	91.3	6,327	89.1
Unmatched PGY-1	637	8.7	774	10.9
Withdraw	199	2.6	181	2.5
No Rank List	64	0.8	50	0.7
Total	7,566	100	7,332	100
Graduates of U.S. DO Medical Schools				
▲Active Applicants*	714	100	609	100
Matched PGY-1	383	53.6	270	44.3
Unmatched PGY-1	331	46.4	339	55.7
Withdraw	53	6.3	27	3.6
No Rank List	69	8.3	115	15.3
Total	836	100	751	100

2021-2022 Match & SOAP Data



Sources:

Advanced Data Tables 2022 – page 10

https://www.nrmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Advance-Data-Tables-2022_Final_Revised_1102.pdf

Results and Data 2022 Residency Match – page 47

<https://www.nrmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2022-Main-Match-Results-and-Data-Final-Revised.pdf>

Table 19 SOAP Applicants Accepting Positions by Type, 2021 - 2022

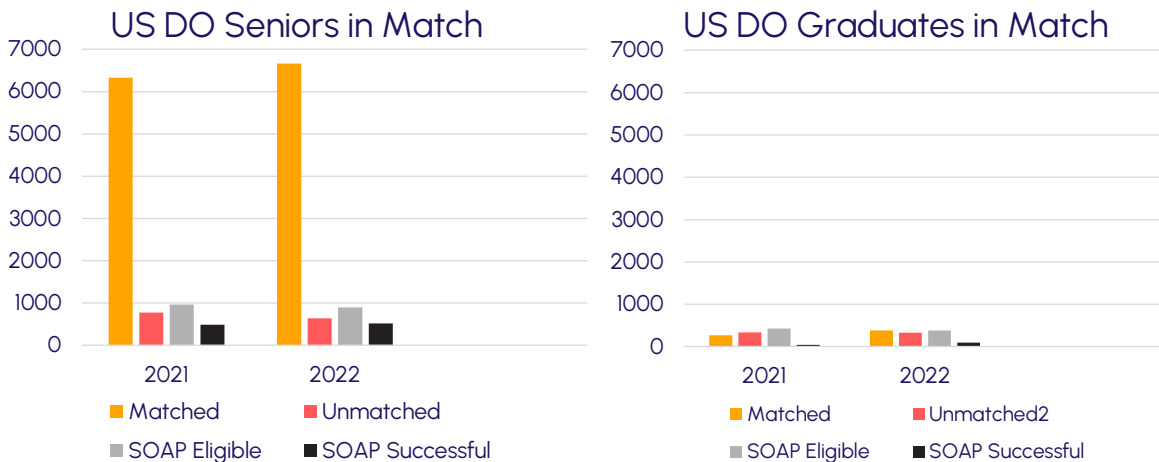
Applicant Type	2022			2021		
	Eligible Applicants	Positions Accepted	Unique Applicants Accepting Positions	Eligible Applicants	Positions Accepted	Unique Applicants Accepting Positions
Seniors of U.S. MD Medical Schools	2,284	911	902	2,125	846	842
Graduates of U.S. MD Medical Schools	945	125	125	999	89	89
Seniors of U.S. DO Medical Schools	891	511	511	964	484	484
Graduates of U.S. DO Medical Schools	384	91	91	428	41	41
U.S. Citizen Students/Graduates of International Medical Schools	3,114	305	304	3,700	175	175
Non-U.S. Citizen Students/Graduates of International Medical Schools	5,203	168	168	5,876	138	138
Students/Graduates of Canadian Medical Schools and Fifth Pathway Progs	15	0	0	23	0	0
Total	12,836	2,111	2,101	14,115	1,773	1,769

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Match Data – US DO Seniors and Graduates

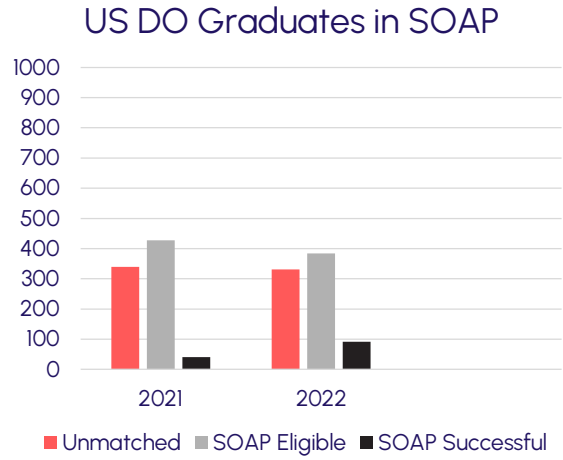
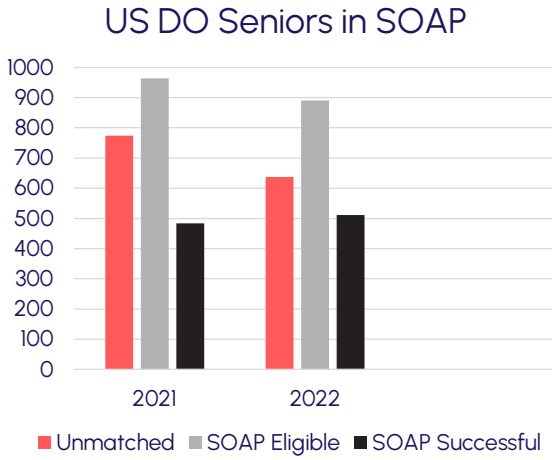


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Panelist Perspectives

Preparing for SOAP Now

- You may be confident, but there is still a chance to SOAP for everyone!
- Is your specialty the best specialty to apply to in SOAP?
- Review your personal statement for SOAP - especially if the specialty differs from original plan
- Review LoRs to determine if new LoRs are needed for a new specialty
- Review your application for updates – any new experiences? any experience descriptions need revised?



Q & A



Pre-Submitted Questions

- Alternative options. What are my options if we don't match in SOAP?
- I have 45 applications – do I use them all before Round 1?
- If I were to accept a prelim position during SOAP, what are my chances of matching going into the match next year? If I secure a Transition Year position during SOAP, what are the odds of matching a second time around?



SOAP Resources

- The NRMP SOAP Resources
 - <https://www.nrmp.org/residency-applicants/soap/>



THANK YOU!



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