**Sanford School of Medicine Class of 2018
Career/Residency Planning – Part 3**

- **Career Counseling Part 4: March 21, 2017**
- **Step 2-CK: June 30, 2017**
- **Step 2-CS: December 31, 2017**
- **ERAS opens: Tentative is April 15**
- **MSPE interviews: March 21 – June 9 (Details later)**
- **ERAS application complete: September 14**
- **ERAS open to programs: September 15 (<u>many will have offers for interviews starting that day</u>)**
- **NRMP registration opens: September 15**
- **MSPE released to programs: October 1**
- **Residency Interviews: Any time between October and mid-January**
- **January 2018: Exit interview for financial aid**
- **January 15, 2018: NRMP Rank Order List open**
- **February 21, 2018: Rank Order List needs final certification**
- **March 12, 2018: Learn if you have matched**
- **March 16, 2018: Learn where you have matched**
- **May 4, 2018: (Friday) Graduation Convocation with hooding – *required attendance***
- **May 5, 2018: (Saturday) Commencement in Vermillion at the Dome – *required attendance***

MSPE

I.   Interviews in person

II.   Interviews late March – early June: A schedule of possible times will be sent out in early February; can interview on any of the 4 campuses.

      a.   Will schedule a Rapid City campus visit on Monday.
      b.   Will schedule one or two days for Yankton, typically Tuesdays AM.

III.   Bring at least a draft of the CV and Personal Statement to the interview.
      a.   Planning an evening video-conference in early March to assist with writing the CV, the PS, and resources for preparation for the interview.
      b.   Guidelines for the Personal Statements: Include something about
            "Values" = why medicine
            "Experiences" = why specialty
            "Goals" = beyond residency

            *The "Experiences" section is usually ½ to ¾ of the PS

      c.   Great resource for CV is the Careers in Medicine web site, CV format #1

IV.   Release date of **Oct 1st** requires complete information for Pillars 1 and 2, with some variable options for including some Pillar 3 rotations.

Letters of Reference

I.   Selection of letter writers

II.   How many letters?

III.   Planning ahead for requesting letters

IV.   Providing information for letter writers

V.   Letters submitted directly to ERAS by letter writers, but with instructions forwarded from you the student.

Schedule and Requirements for Pillar 3

Plan ahead, file forms, prepare to be flexible in your schedule

I. Use your resources: Mentors, Student Affairs, Campus staff, Campus Dean, Pillar 3 coordinator, etc.

II. Required rotations:
   a. Rural Family Medicine – 4 weeks: taken in SD.
   b. Emergency Medicine – 3 weeks: most take in SD, may be taken out of state.
   c. Surgical Specialties – 4 weeks: Choose 2 specialties from list at 2 weeks each. Most take these in SD, but may be taken out of state.
      * Anesthesiology
      * Neurological Surgery
      * Ophthalmology
      * Orthopedics
      * Otolaryngology
      * Plastic Surgery
      * Urology
   d. Sub-Internship – 4 weeks: Choose 1 from listing (may do more). Taken in SD.
      * Family Medicine
      * Internal Medicine
      * OB/GYN
      * Pediatrics – Neonatal ICU
      * Pediatrics – Hospitalist
      * Psychiatry
      * Surgery

III. Electives: Must take 38 credits of electives.
   a. May have one credit already if you have taken 'Healer's Art'

IV. Flexible time: There are 65 weeks between February 6, 2017 and May 4, 2018. With 15 weeks of required rotations, 38 weeks of electives, there are 12 weeks of flexible time for interviews, reviewing for Step exams, research, vacations, or special projects.

V. Must have adequate lead time to process all scheduled courses and changes before start of rotation. Paperwork for international rotations requires additional time. Note carefully the time lines provided by Kay Austin. Students must provide adequate lead time to process applications before start of rotation.
   a. At some time during each semester, the Drop/Add deadline occurs. This is set firmly and the SSOM cannot override this date set by the University.

VI. **VSAS** is a convenient option – the majority of medical schools are listed as "host schools" in VSAS. Kay is the contact person for all rotations at other schools.
   a. The School is required to file a listing of your presence in another state prior to you being there. You **MUST** make sure that you file any emails of acceptance for an 890 with Kay as soon as you receive them.
   b. Must file additional paperwork for international rotations and plan well ahead and needs approval by the University

Careers in Medicine
(Review from Career/Residency Planning Session 1)

www.aamc.org/cim

Careers in Medicine: Many resources on this site for early planning and focus on your specialty choice: Email Paul.Bunger@usd.edu or Suzanne.Reuter@usd.edu if you are not able to access.
I.   Use the many resources for self-evaluations/interests.
II.   Access the "Choices" newsletter and look for your specialty interests.
III.   Many resources for preparing the application.

FREIDA Online
(Review from Career/Residency Planning Session 1)
www.ama-assn.org/ama

FREIDA Online: Click on web site, then go to "Medical Students" then go to "FREIDA Online". The site contains many detailed resources about individual residencies and is most useful during the application and interview and ranking process.
I.   Look up individual specialties by region
II.   Access individual programs and information about them
III.   Many resources during the application and interview process

NRMP
(Review from Career/Residency Planning Session 1)
www.nrmp.org

The resources are available any time. However, students must register for this matching service in order to participate in the Match program. Registration opens September 15, 2017.

NRMP: Many resources needed for consideration of specialty choices, and then all the information needed for the process of the Match including policies for application and schedule deadlines.
Look for:
- Results and Data: 2016 Main Residency Match: Provides a wide variety of data
- 2016 Match Results by State, Specialty, and Applicant Type: Provides Applicant type and % filled for each program
- 2012-2016 Program Results: Provides 5 year history of match rates for each program
- Impact of Length of Rank Order List on Main Residency Match Outcome
- Charting Outcomes of the Match 2016: Provides match rates by several criteria
- 2016 Program Directors Survey: Provides factors that programs use for selection for interviews and for ranking
- 2015 Applicant Survey: Provides factors that applicants used in selection and ranking of residency programs

Residency Application Process/Schedules
Electronic Residency Application Services (ERAS)

https://students-residents.aamc.org/attending-medical-school/how-apply-residency-positions/applying-residencies-eras/

Students must register for ERAS in order to submit applications to programs.
Registration for ERAS opens to applicants: April 15, 2017
ERAS opens to Residency Programs, September 15, 2017

I.   Applications include the ERAS application (from the applicant), Letters of Reference (from the writers), and the MSPE (from Student Affairs).
   a.   The ERAS application includes a CV and a Personal Statement
   b.   Most programs require 3 LOR's, but there may be a few differences
   c.   The MSPE is released on **October 1, 2017** whether in the main match or the military selection, or any other separate match (such as Ophthalmology or Urology)

II.   Interviews are often scheduled during October, November and early December. When planning to be absent from a day or more of a rotation to do an interview, **students must fill out the Pillar 3 Absence Request Form** found at the end of the Student Affairs Handbook. The Student Affairs Handbook is on the SSOM page at www.usd.edu/medicine/student-and-faculty-handbooks

III.   For 2016, the mean number of ranked programs for matched applicants was 12. For unmatched applicants the number was 4.

IV.   Remember to rank every program you are willing to go to; if you need to cancel an interview, be sure to notify the program; don't apply to an excessive number of programs – typically students are offered interviews at 20% - 40% of the programs where they apply.
   a.   *Advice: Be sure to cancel any interviews you know you will not visit. Do not be a 'no-show'.*

VII.   All applicants should realistically consider whether a 'parallel' plan is needed. May apply to more than one specialty – then use interview offers as a measure of whether a 'parallel' plan is essential.

VIII. Advice: Don't wait for the SOAP process to try to implement the parallel plan

What do Programs Look For?

I.   Program Directors Survey ranks the importance of various factors in granting interviews and in ranking for the match.

II.   The top 8 factors for ranking applicants for an **interview**:
1. Step 1
2. LOR's from Specialty
3. MSPE
4. Step 2-CK
5. Grades in required clerkships
6. Personal Statement
7. Failed tries for any USMLE exam
8. Grades in Specialty

III.   The top 8 factors for ranking applicants for the **MATCH**:
1. Interactions with faculty during interview/visit
2. Interpersonal skills
3. Interactions with house staff during interview/visit
4. Feedback from current residents
5. Step 1
6. LOR's from Specialty
7. Step 2-CK
8. MSPE

IV.   Interview skills and communications skills are essential!

V.   SSOM requires that all students go through a Mock Interview. A schedule of possible times will be set up for July – September.