

M4 Year Schedule of Events and Deadlines - Class of 2026

Item or event	Due date	Due to or contact
Complete the online MSPE Noteworthy Characteristics. (Opens May 30)	July 1	Email instructions will come from Dave Etler on May 30.
Beginning May 30, schedule your MSPE appointment with your community director or Dean, as assigned. You MUST have completed the web-based Noteworthy Characteristics form first.	July 1 Actual MSPE appointments begin early June and run through early August (exact dates depend on faculty schedules). On July 12, date and time will be scheduled for you.	See above.
Search the ACGME and the FREIDA databases for residency program information. Review programs' web sites.	Summer and fall	www.acgme.org http://www.ama-assn.org/go/freida
Make hotel reservations for your guests for graduation weekend. (May 15, 2026)	Summer and fall	
Draft a personal statement and update CV.	June thru August	http://www.medicine.uiowa.edu/md/writingsamples/ for resources and guidance
A photographer from the College's Media Dept. will take your formal senior photo. Sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0548AEAD2AA20-54388291-m4photo	Dates: May 21, June 4 and 18, July 2	Annette Griffin
OSAC will order your academic transcript from UI Registrar for ERAS, SF Match, and Residency CAS transmission.	Early August	Annette Griffin
End of last clerkship to be included in MSPE (clerkships through 4 th week of the M4 year are included)	August 1	OSAC
You may begin submitting applications for applying to programs.	September 3	ERAS, Annette Griffin
Review final draft of your MSPE.	Early to Mid-September	OSAC
Register for National Resident Matching Program (NRMP). Non-NRMP specialties check registration information at AUA and SF Match web site.	September 15 - NRMP registration opens	http://nrmp.org/ *see AUA and SF Match web sites info on next pg.
ERAS opens for programs to review your materials.	September 24	ERAS, Residency Programs

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MSPE released by ERAS, SF Match, Residency CAS, & Military	September 24	ERAS and OSAC
Letters of recommendation are uploaded through the ERAS Letter of Recommendation Portal (LoRP). The LoRP will generate a cover letter for you to give to the letter writer. <i>OSAC cannot upload for the letter writer.</i> More information on the LoRP can be found here: www.aamc.org/services/eras/282520/lor_portal.html	Ideally by September 24, but could be ok until Oct. 15 for last letter	Annette Griffin
OSAC-sponsored interviewing resources and individual mock interviews	September	Dean Choi
Sit for USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge exam no later than this date (required) but ideally sooner for applications	December 31	www.nbme.org
“Early” match Rank Order Lists due mid to late-January; match results released late-January/early February.	January 2026	*AUA and SF Match web sites information below
Apply to graduate	February 27	Annette Griffin, MyUI (myui.uiowa.edu)
Enter and certify your NRMP Rank Order List. <i>No exceptions to this deadline</i>	March 4 by 8:00 pm CST	http://www.nrmp.org
Pre-Match Week information comes out. Vote on your graduation speaker, receive notice of whether or not you matched on Monday of match week.	March 13	
MATCH DAY!	March 20	MERF Atrium
Respond to enrollment verifications, paperwork requests from your residency program. Notaries available in OSAC.	March-May	Annette Griffin, Scott Hansen
Pay your final U-bill	May	UBill on MyUI.uiowa.edu
College of Medicine Commencement reception, 2:00 - 4:00 pm.	May 15	MERF Atrium
College of Medicine Commencement ceremony	May 15	Hancher, Doors open 5:30

*The web site for Ophthalmology is www.sfmach.org

The web site for the AUA Urology Residency Match is www.auanet.org.

The web site for the OB and EM Residency application is <https://help.liaisonedu.com/ResidencyCAS>