

# SOAP® 2026: ERAS® Schedule

## MONDAY MARCH 16

**7:30 a.m. ET**  
Applicants: MyERAS® system closes  
Programs: PDWS closes

**11 a.m. ET**  
Applicants: MyERAS system opens for SOAP (SOAP applicants have 45 applications starting now through Thursday, at 9 p.m. ET)

## TUESDAY MARCH 17

**8 a.m. ET**  
Programs: PDWS opens (Except ACGME residency programs that filled in the Main Residency Match® or elected to not participate in SOAP)

**11:30 a.m. ET**  
Programs: Can begin creating preference list in NRMP® R3® system

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 18

**All Day**  
Applicants continue applying to programs  
  
Programs continue reviewing applications in the PDWS and updating preference lists in the NRMP R3 system

## THURSDAY MARCH 19

**9-11 a.m. ET**  
NRMP SOAP Round 1  
  
**12-2 p.m. ET**  
NRMP SOAP Round 2  
  
**3-5 p.m. ET**  
NRMP Soap Round 3  
  
**6-8 p.m. ET**  
NRMP SOAP Round 4  
  
**9 p.m. ET**  
SOAP ends; ERAS platform resumes normal operations  
Programs: PDWS is open for all programs

NRMP releases unfilled program list to applicants  
  
NRMP releases confidential roster of matched applicants to programs

## FRIDAY MARCH 20

**Match Day**  
  
**12 p.m. ET**  
School ceremonies begin  
  
Applicants: Find out where they matched through the NRMP R3 system and email

**Note:** Fully matched programs participating in the Main Residency Match will not have access to the PDWS until after SOAP (Thursday, March 19, 9 p.m. ET).