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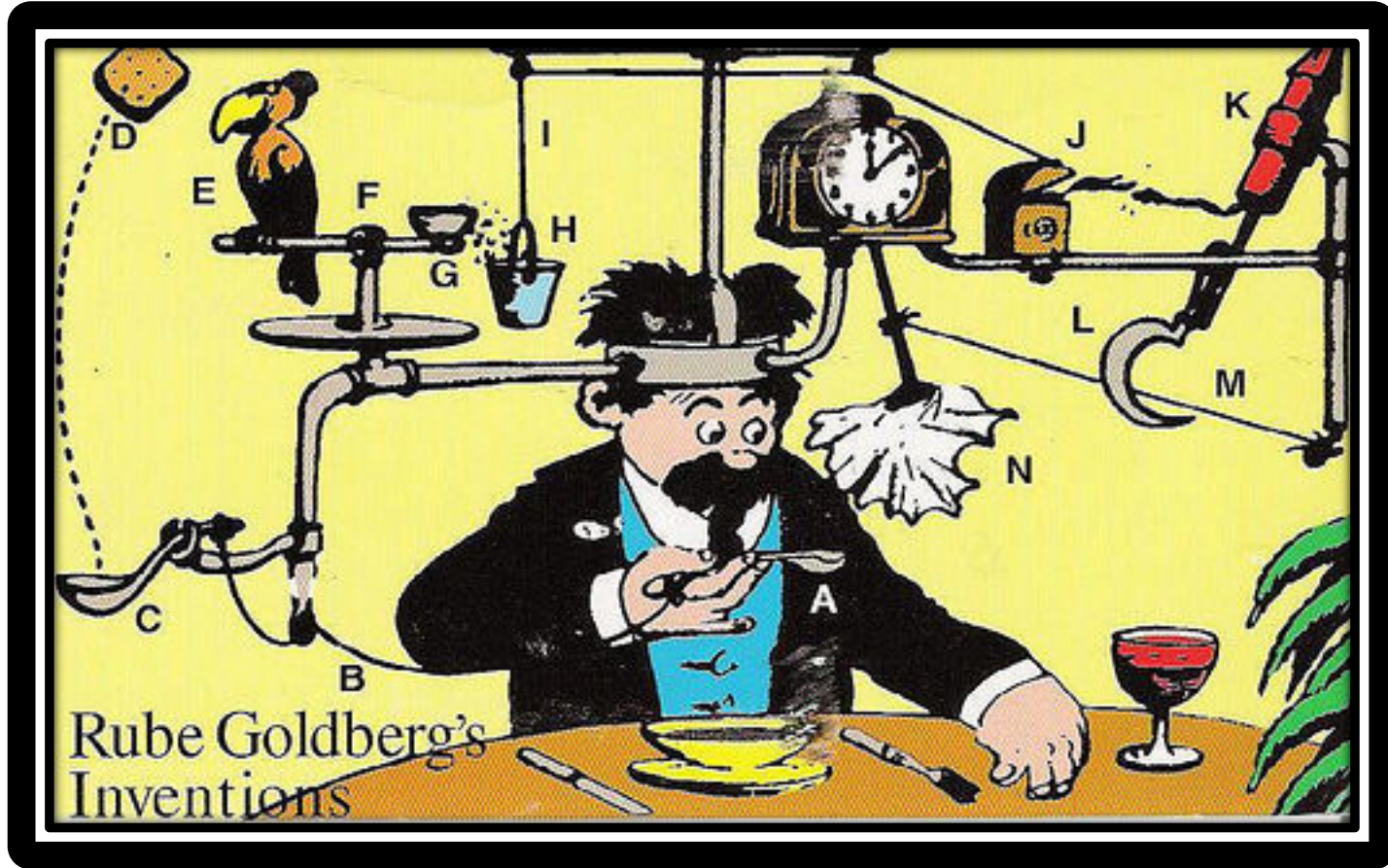
HEALTHTM SCIENCE CENTER



ERAS/MSPE Overview TCOM 2019

Career Center
March 23, 2018

The Match Process



What IS ERAS?

Electronic
Residency
Application
Service



The online common application for most AOA and ACGME and dual-accredited internship and residency programs.

ERAS Online Application

- Main site/login (compatible with all browsers):
<https://www.aamc.org/services/eras/>
- Other useful areas of the site:
 - Click on ERAS for Applicants to search for resources to review and download
 - Detailed User Guide and lots of great tutorials!
 - ERAS Help: myeras@aamc.org / (202) 862-6264

ERAS Fees

Be Prepared to Pay (TCOM 2018 costs):

- \$99 for first 10 programs, 1) per accreditation Match (AOA, ACGME), 2) per specialty.
- Goes up incrementally per each 10 programs after first 10 applied (\$13-17-26/each application)
- Board Transcripts: \$80/ea. (one time fee per transcript)
- [ERAS fees page](#) (credit card only)
- Consider all travel expenses!

Matching Services

ERAS-Affiliated:

- **NMS – National Matching Service.** Used by AOA-accredited programs and students during osteopathic match for residency selection. *Goes away after 2019!*
- **NRMP – National Resident Matching Program.** Used by all ACGME-accredited programs and students during the allopathic match for residency selection

Non-ERAS Affiliated:

- **SF Match – San Francisco Matching Program.** Early matching program for some Neurology and Ophthalmology residencies.
- **Military Match – MODS system.** For those applying to military residencies

What's The Difference?

- ERAS is the application service (universal)
- NRMP, NMS, SF Match, MODS are separate matching services, and have separate policies.
- You ***MUST*** register with the matching services separately in order to participate in their match

Components of ERAS

- Career Center = “Designated Dean’s Office”
Can view activated MyERAS applications (with applicant permission), and uploads the following documents:
 1. **UNTHSC Academic Transcripts (by 8/31/18)**
 2. **MSPE (“Dean's Letters”) – National AAMC Date: 10/1/18**
- Applicant creates LOR slots (letter-writer uploads), uploads photo (jpeg), and inputs Personal Statement (multiple)
- Examining boards receive and process applicant-initiated requests for score reports; UNTHSC cannot process these.
- Programs download application materials as submitted.

Letters of Recommendation

- Career Center/Designated Dean's Office cannot upload into ERAS (universal policy)
- If received for other purposes (VSAS, scholarships, etc.) maintains for 5 years as an academic record
- Shoot for 4-6, specialty-specific (3 min. for "complete" application)
- Clinical Faculty!
- "Confidential" status = **Program perception**
- LOR Request Form (with unique code) for letter-writer, generated through student request in ERAS.

Personal Statements

- One page = appx. 600-900 words. **Can be a little longer for ERAS**
- Specific to your chosen specialty / career goals
- Components:
 - *Explain your specialty choice and how you arrived at it, including a discussion of medical school rotations, clerkships, and other experiences that helped you formulate your decision. Also, why medicine as a career?*
 - *Describe what you are seeking in a residency program, i.e. research opportunities, specialized training/procedures, geographic location, etc.*
 - *Discuss your career goals; what do you plan to do in your chosen field? How can the residency program help you achieve your goals?*
- Send to Career Center or TCOM Career Development for review

ERAS Timeline

The AAMC/ERAS office has opened ERAS for the 2019 class on a limited basis. At this time, 2019 applicants can only complete Personal Information and create LOR slots for author/designee upload until further notice.

Anticipated Timeline:

- Late June 2018 (projected) – AAMC/ERAS will open remaining components of the main application, called the ‘MyERAS’ application.
- July 15, 2018 – AOA programs begin accepting online applications (programs cannot view MSPE’s until 10/1/18)

ERAS Timeline (cont'd)

- September 15, 2018 Allopathic/ACGME-accredited programs begin receiving online applications.
- October 1, 2018
MSPE for AOA and ACGME applicants released (programs cannot view before this date, regardless of accreditation status).

Direct ERAS Questions To:

ERAS Help Desk (technical questions)

myeras@aamc.org

(202) 892-6264

Career Center ERAS Help

ERAS@unthsc.edu

MSPE, or, “Dean’s Letter”

- Also known as:
Medical Student Performance Evaluation
- Three Phases:
 1. Dean’s Letter “Personal Profile” = CV Information
 2. Advisory College Faculty Interview
 3. Writing/editing: Career Center



Purpose of the MSPE

The purpose of the MSPE is not to advocate for the student, but rather to provide an honest and objective summary of the student's personal attributes, experiences, and academic accomplishments based, to the greatest degree possible, on verifiable information and summative evaluations. When possible, comparative assessments of the student's attributes, experiences, and accomplishments relative to their institutional peers should be provided.

The MSPE is a summary letter of evaluation, not a letter of recommendation.

Other Considerations

- Standardized, clear, concise, easy to compare to other candidates
- Highlight Six ACGME (Seven AACOM Osteopathic) Core Competencies
- Information regarding any documented professionalism deficiencies
- Holistic understanding of applicant
- Information regarding medical school, curriculum, how grades are derived.

The Times They Are A-Changin'

- Changes in grading system (particularly pre-clinical)
- Changes to Clinical Clerkship Evaluations
- AAMC Recommendations for revising the MSPE format (2016 Task Force)

Anatomy of a “Dean’s Letter”

- Identifying Information
- Noteworthy Characteristics (Three)
- Academic History/Academic Progress (from transcript data and curriculum description)
 - Clinical Evaluation Comments – *Final rotation evaluations*
“Summative” rather than “Formative” comments
- Summary: Highlights areas of distinction (from Faculty Advisor)
- Graphs: Comparative academic performance

Noteworthy Characteristics

Themes to consider:

- Activities that address healthcare disparities, superlatives in community service, explanations of any difficulties or overcoming of obstacles, interesting hobbies, notable honors/awards/achievements, leadership positions, unique work and life experiences, achievements in research and publications, peer educating and mentorship (including tutoring).

Noteworthy Characteristics (cont'd)

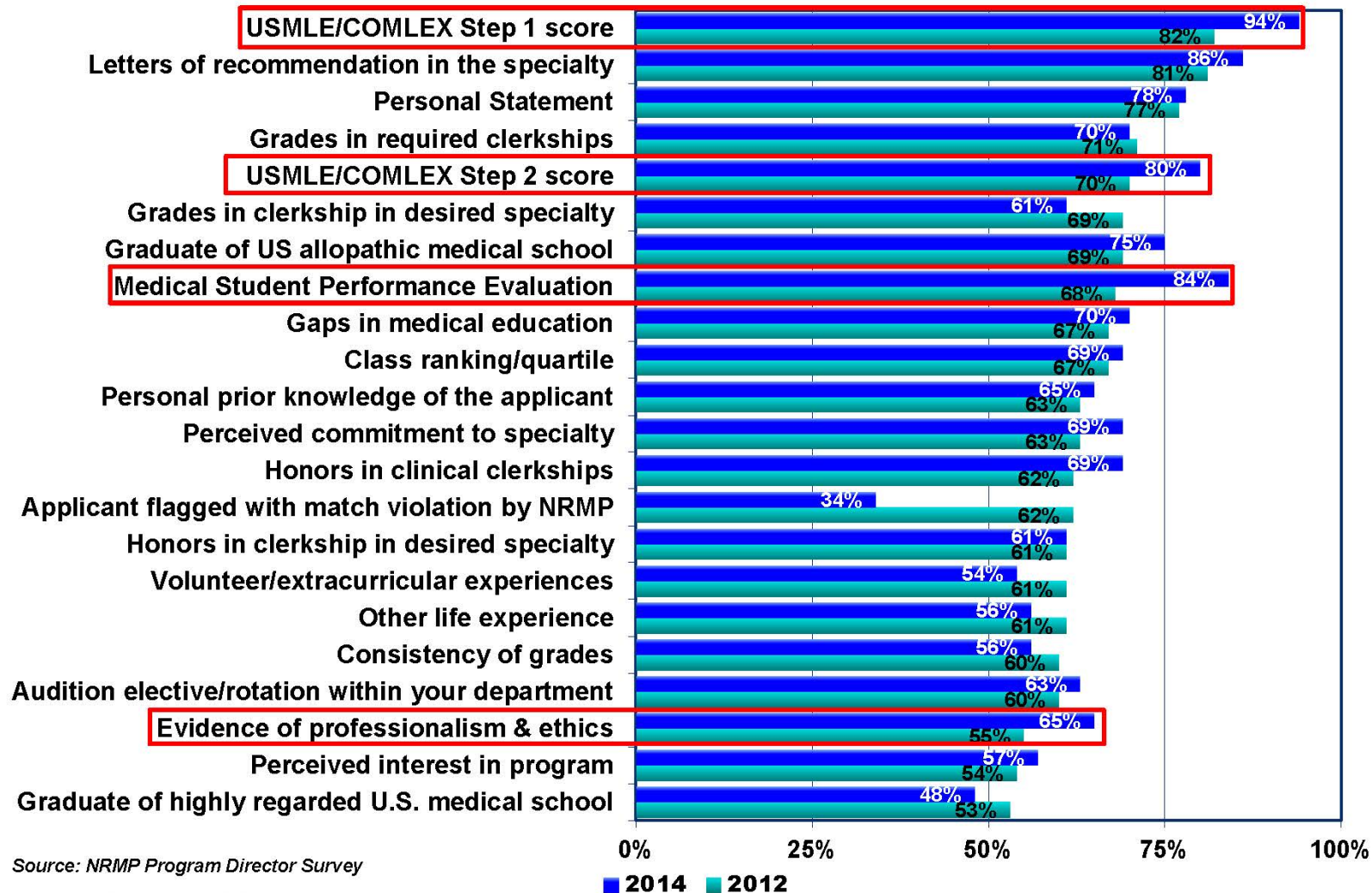
Examples:

- Student A has shown a dedication to maintaining her health by competing in multiple triathlons during her time in medical school. Her commitment to regimented training began during her years of collegiate soccer and continues to this day.
- Student B has been conducting research with Ima Doctor, DO, PhD, on the subject of epigenetic factors influencing childhood obesity since the end of his first year of medical school. This research has resulted in a series of publications including one with him as first author in the journal *Lancet*.
- Student C is the first member of his family to graduate from college.

AAMC Guide/Samples

https://www.aamc.org/members/gsa/54686/gsa_mspeguide.html

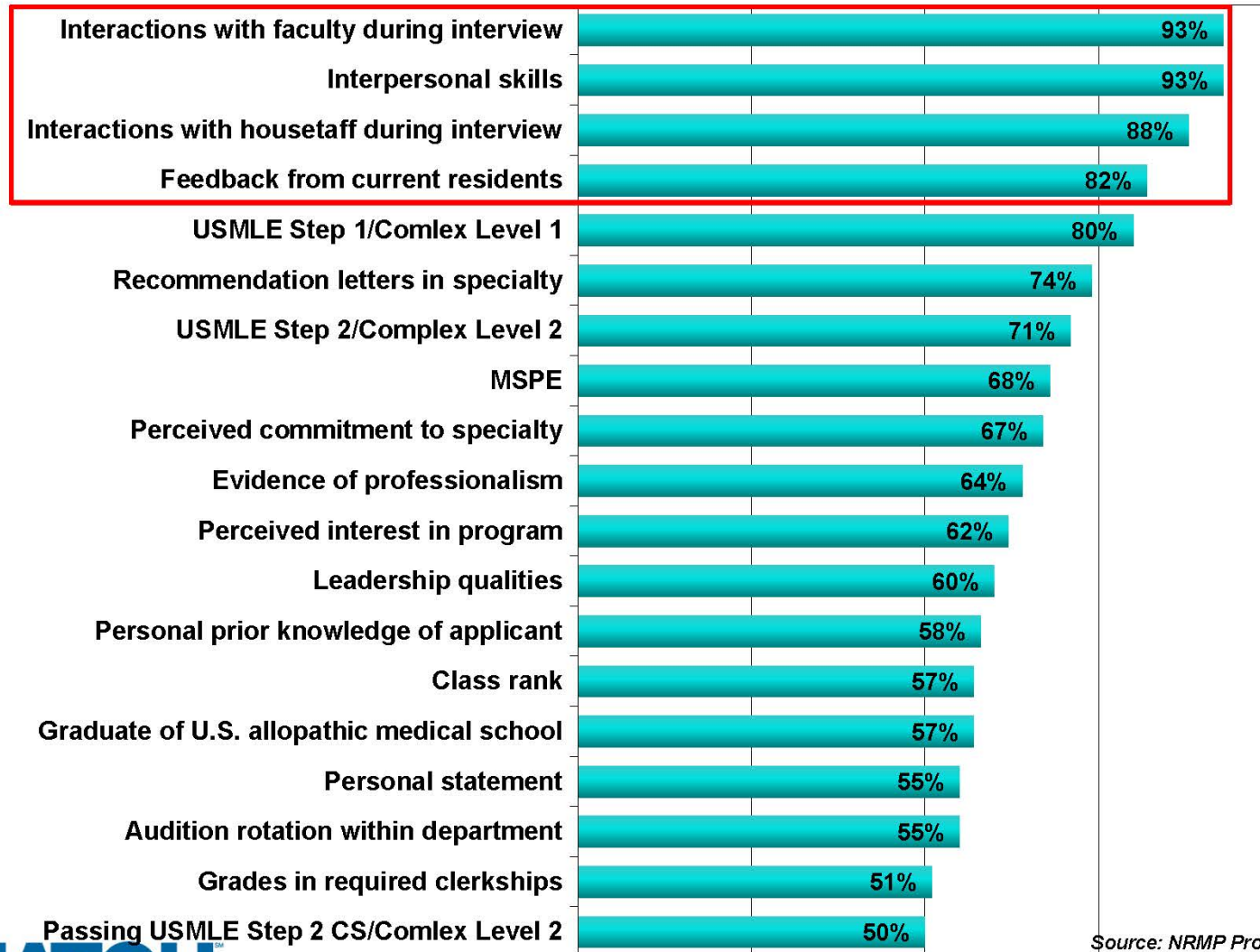
Percentage of Programs Citing Each Factor in Interview Selection



Source: NRMP Program Director Survey

Factors in Ranking Applicants

It's All About the Interview



Source: NRMP Program Director Survey

What Can I Do Now?

April

- Complete your online 'Personal Profile': Due date = May 1

March – May

- Set up meetings with Peer Advisers including "Class Chat" panel sessions.

May – August

- Complete your Dean's Letter Interview with your Advisory College Faculty Adviser (schedule TBD per Advisory College)
- ERAS and Dean's Letter Workshops (including CV and Personal Statement writing).

What Can I Do Now? (cont'd)

Now – July

- Continue to work on CV and Personal Statement!

Now – Fall 2018

- Continue to request/set up letters of recommendation slots in ERAS (*this is ongoing throughout the application process*)
- Eras Photo: “Heads Up Days” on first Wed. of every month, 10:00-2:00 in LIB 100 (4/4, 5/2, 6/2) **Must sign-up for an appointment!**

May – September

- Dean’s Letters are written – students review drafts in August

Things to Remember

- Your UNTHSC e-mail account is the official mode of communication during 4th year.
- Keep good records!
- Always check program deadline dates.
- Please be patient. Our goal is to respond back to you within two business days during the work week during ERAS season (May-Sept). Just keep in mind the size of the class and volume of records!

Peer Advisers

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Upcoming Events/Resources

- Internship & Residency Fair: **TODAY!** 1:00-3:30
- ERAS Workshops: May-September (TBA)
- “ERAS Survival Guide”: End of June
- Big Interview: <https://unthsc.biginterview.com/>
 - Practice video residency interviews by specialty
 - Residency Specialties: EM (*SVI), FM, Gen. Surgery, IM, Ortho, Peds, Psych
- Professional Attire Resource Closet
- “Heads Up” Days (portrait photos): 4/4, 5/2, 6/6

Resources and Contact Info

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Appointments

Grades First: <https://unthsc.gradesfirst.com/home>

ERAS Questions

ERAS@unthsc.edu

On the Web / Social Media

www.unthsc.edu/students/career-center/



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HSC Connect

<https://unthscconnect.com/>

The screenshot shows the landing page for HSC Connect. At the top left is the logo for UNT HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER. On the right, there is a 'Sign in' link. The main visual is a large photo of graduates in black caps and gowns. A green arrow-shaped banner on the left says 'Welcome to HSC Connect'. On the right, there is a 'JOIN NOW' button and a 'Connect with' section with buttons for LinkedIn, Facebook, and Email. Below this is a small text block: 'Why is it safe to register with LinkedIn / Facebook?'. At the bottom, there are four columns, each with an icon and a heading: 'Re-connect' (people icon), 'Give back' (speech bubble icon), 'Expand' (globe icon), and 'Advance' (person icon). Each column has a short paragraph of text describing the benefit.

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Find and reminisce with fellow graduates, see what they have been up to and stay in touch.

Give back
Introduce, employ and offer to act as a mentor to our graduating students

Expand
Leverage your professional network to get introduced to people you should know.

Advance
Advance your career through inside connections working in top companies.