

Pediatric Emergency Medicine is a growing field with an increasing number of applicants and an expanding workforce for the subspecialists those programs train. On the institutional level, Pediatric Emergency Medicine fellowship programs are accredited by the American Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) which hosts Residency Review Committees in both Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics that oversee this subspecialty accreditation. On the individual level, certification occurs through either the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) or the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM). Both ABP and ABEM have specific requirements for certification through their respective organizations, but most fellowships are generally 3 years in length. Some training programs make exceptions for EM trained applicants and have specific 2-year tracks. Other special circumstances (ex. dual fellowship training, etc...) may require petitioning the respective boards for changes in the standard policy.

While the number of pediatric emergency medicine fellowship programs may vary from year to year, there are typically over 47 programs that are actively training fellows in the subspecialty. The subspecialty training programs utilize the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) to use a match system for accepting applicants for fellowship programs. The match typically occurs in December of the year before training will begin. For the past 2 years, approximately 65% of candidates have matched.

The academic year beginning July 2006 marks the first year that most Pediatric Emergency Medicine training programs will use standardized deadlines and a standardized application for fellowship. This program will be hosted by ERAS®, the Electronic Residency Application Service. Many applicants will already be familiar with these services as most specialty programs are already using ERAS.

| ACTIVITY | DATES |
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| Special circumstances applications (program specific) | Completed by the applicant at anytime at the discretion of the program, and available online through ERAS after registration |
| ERAS registration | Late January-May 2005 |
| MyERAS opens to applicants | July 2005 |
| Programs download applications | Beginning July 15, 2005 |
| Application process closes | August 31, 2005 |
| Interviews | September 1- November 29 (except for special circumstances applications determined by the program) |
| Rank order lists due | Early December |
| Match results | December 2005 |
| Fellowship training begins | July 2006 |

Information on ERAS can be obtained from their website at www.aamc.org/eras.

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