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MATCH DAY 2024 FAQ

What is Match Day?

Graduating medical students around the country, and at the Anne Burnett Marion School of Medicine at Texas Christian University, will learn where they will begin their careers as doctors at the same moment on Match Day. The nonprofit [National Resident Matching Program](#) (NRMP) releases results to applicants seeking residency and fellowship training positions in the United States on March 15 at 11 a.m. CST. This year, approximately 22,000 M.D. school seniors will compete for residency positions in the United States.

What does TCU's celebration look like?

Most medical schools celebrate their future physicians at events where they open up envelopes to reveal their residency match. At the Burnett School of Medicine at TCU, medical students learned their residency match in a unique way. Medical students will learn what residency program they have matched in at the Cowtown Coliseum in the Historic Fort Worth Stockyards. Hundreds of faculty, friends, and family members are expected to witness the students open their envelopes to reveal their residency matches.

How are matches determined?

Medical students participating in Match apply to residency programs during their fourth year of medical school. After completing residency interviews and crafting rank order lists of their top programs, the NRMP computer algorithm takes over and pairs applicants with programs. Those results are revealed during Match Day.

What is a residency or graduate medical education?

Graduate Medical Education (GME), also known as residency training, prepares physicians for the practice of medicine in the specialty they have chosen. This formal training program for medical school graduates could be 3-7 years long, depending on their specialty. For example, primary care specialties (family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine) are 3 years long. Other specialties, such as plastic surgery requires 6 years and neurosurgery requires 7 years.

What happens after Match Day?

Most medical students have some coursework and/or exams to finish up before graduation. Burnett School of Medicine students are required to complete a five-week [Transition to Residency](#) course that reinforces communication and clinical skills, provides hands-on procedural practice, reviews and applies skills of self-directed learning and reflection, emphasizes team-based activities and provides a foundation for residency.

Before Commencement, Burnett School of Medicine students will also complete and present their four-year [Scholarly Pursuit and Thesis](#) research and participate in Senior Luncheon and Hooding Ceremony.

Residency positions generally start in June or July.

Does the Burnett School of Medicine contribute to the growth of GME slots?

The Burnett School of Medicine is working with hospitals throughout North Texas to help build and grow GME slots.

- In 2021, we announced an expanded affiliation with [Texas Health Resources](#) that includes support of [GME programs](#) at hospitals in Fort Worth, Hurst-Euless-Bedford and Denton. Texas Health has nearly 50 new residents training at [GME program](#) sites covered by this new affiliation. That annual number is expected to increase to more than 110 by July.
- In 2020, we announced a partnership with [Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center Fort Worth](#) for a resident training program that will eventually train more than 150 physicians annually. The first residents in 2021 were in the areas of internal medicine and emergency medicine. Additional programs added in 2022 were OB/GYN and transitional programs. In the future, additional spots will be created in general surgery and anesthesiology. Fellowship training programs in specialties such as cardiology, oncology, hepatology, and nephrology are also being considered.