

ERAS[®] Residency Applicant Information Sheet for Osteopathic Applicants (RAIS-O)



What is ERAS?

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) developed ERAS—the Electronic Residency Application Service, to transmit residency applications, letters of recommendation (LoRs), MSPE, transcripts, and other supporting credentials from applicants and medical schools to residency program directors using the Internet.

How does ERAS work?

The ERAS service is made up of four components: MyERAS—the applicant Web site, the Dean's Office Workstation (DWS); the software used by the designated dean's office; the Program Director's Workstation (PDWS), the software used by programs; and the ERAS PostOffice. Using a secure Web browser, applicants complete an application, select programs, and create and assign supporting documents. They then submit these files to the ERAS PostOffice for delivery to programs. School staff use the DWS to scan and store the transcripts, MSPE and LoRs and transmit them to the ERAS PostOffice. Residency programs use the PDWS to connect to the ERAS PostOffice to download applications and to review them using criteria they establish.

Which osteopathic specialties will use ERAS?

Most osteopathic specialties will use ERAS 2010 to receive their applications. A complete list of programs will be available online in mid-June (<https://services.aamc.org/eras/erasstats/par/>). You should also consult Opportunities (<http://opportunities.osteopathic.org/>) to obtain specific information about the program. Remember to contact programs before applying to confirm their requirements.

How do I get started?

Contact your dean's office. They will provide you with instructions for processing applications via ERAS.

When can I get started?

ERAS instructions and your token to access MyERAS will be distributed from your designated dean's office in late June.

MyERAS will be available for you to begin working on your application on July 1st. You may begin applying to osteopathic programs July 1st. You may begin applying to allopathic residency programs September 1st.

Give yourself enough time to complete your application to ensure program deadlines are met. Contact programs before applying to ensure you meet all program requirements.

What will my school do?

Your school will establish processing procedures for ERAS and the schedule for distributing MyERAS information. They will also process supporting application documents which include scanning transcripts, attaching documents, processing LoRs and sending files to the ERAS PostOffice. Student affairs staff can also help you with career planning and targeting appropriate programs to apply to via ERAS.

When is the deadline to apply to programs?

ERAS does not establish deadlines for programs. Individual programs set deadlines. Contact the programs directly for more information about their requirements and deadlines.

I don't have a computer at home. How can I apply?

You can use any computer with an Internet connection. The computer must have Internet Explorer Version 6.0 or higher. A valid e-mail address is also required so programs can contact you.

How do I apply to programs not participating in ERAS?

Contact the program directly for their application requirements. You cannot use ERAS to apply to a program that is not available on the MyERAS Web site.

How much does ERAS cost?

ERAS processing fees are based on the number of programs within a specialty to which you apply. Osteopathic applicants applying to both ACGME-accredited and AOA-accredited programs are charged processing fees separately. Examples are provided on the ERAS Residency Applicant Web site under Fees & Billing.

ERAS fees are: \$65 initial application fee (includes up to 10 programs); \$8 each for 11-20 programs; \$15 each for 21-30 programs; and \$25 each for program(s) over 30. E-mail myeras@aamc.org if you have questions about the fees.

Osteopathic applicants may request an unlimited number of COMLEX transcripts to be sent via ERAS for \$60. Applicants who request USMLE transcripts via ERAS also pay a \$60 fee to the NBME for an unlimited number of electronic transcripts.

What is the ERAS Integrity Promotion Program?

ERAS' Integrity Promotion Program was created to encourage integrity in the application process. Examples of possible infractions and the consequences of a positive finding are outlined in the ERAS Residency Applicant section of the ERAS Web site at www.aamc.org/eras under *ERAS Policies*.