2024 ERAS® PDWS Getting Started Guide
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Welcome to the 2024 ERAS® recruitment season!

Throughout the recruitment season we will continue to share important information but to get started, below is a summary of what is new this season as well as enhancements to the Program Director's WorkStation (PDWS).

If you have any questions regarding the updates and enhancements, please contact our ERAS Client Technical Support at 202-828-0413 or (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET).

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Content Update

Revised and Reorganized Experiences Section – Applicants will be able to focus on as many as 10 experience entries that communicate who they are and what is most important to them. Applicants can designate and describe up to three experiences they identify as the most meaningful with a short description. New experience types will be available to choose from along with more descriptive information about each entry.

Impactful Experiences – Applicants can describe any challenges or hardships that influenced their journey to residency. This could include experiences related to family background, financial background, community setting, educational experiences, and/or general life experiences. This question is intended for applicants who have overcome major challenges or obstacles.

Updates to Collection of Geographic Information – Applicants will have the opportunity to communicate their preference or lack of preference for a particular geographic division and urban or rural settings. All location information across the application will be captured using standardized fields.

Program Signals for Select Residency Specialties and Programs – Residency applicants applying to specialties and programs who opt to participate in program signals will have the opportunity to express interest in the residency program at the time of application.

Hometowns – Applicants will be able to share up to five hometowns. Hometowns are places where an applicant is currently living or previously lived and feel strong ties or a sense of belonging.

Content Update	Filter	CSV Export	Download	Screen
Revised Experiences	✓	✓	✓	
Impactful Experiences		✓	✓	
Geographic Preferences	✓	✓	✓	✓
Program Signals	✓	✓	✓	
Hometowns	✓	✓	✓	✓

For more guidance on using the updated content, please refer to the MyERAS® Application Updates and Program Signaling: Guide for Programs.

Overall

Updated Look and Feel – As a part of the continued multi-year technology modernization effort to improve the user experience and user interface for the PDWS, this year will see changes to the Dashboard, Applications, Filters, and Program Messages. Despite the updated look and feel, the PDWS will retain its functionality from prior seasons with a few updates. Please refer to the updated PDWS User Guide and Community site resource library to learn more about the PDWS functionalities.

Filter Changes

COMLEX-USA Level 1 & USMLE Step 1 Exam Transcript Score Filters – As part of the transition from numeric score and pass/fail outcome to pass/fail outcome only results for exams, this season the filters for COMLEX-USA Level 1 and USMLE Step 1 exam transcripts will be updated.

- For the COMLEX-USA exam filter, programs will only be able to filter on the most recent pass/fail outcomes.
- For the USMLE Step 1 exam filter, programs will only be able to filter on the most recent pass/fail outcomes.

Please review your saved filters to ensure that they work as intended for the upcoming season.

Experience Filter Fields and Categories – As part of the efforts to update the 2024 application experiences, the fields listed below will no longer be available as criteria to filter on. Please review your saved filters to ensure that they work as intended for the upcoming season.

Field	Category
Professional Experience Reason for Leaving	Professional and Postgraduate Training Experience
Professional Experience Type	Professional and Postgraduate Training Experience
Professional Experience Hours	Professional and Postgraduate Training Experience
Professional Experience Supervisor	Professional and Postgraduate Training Experience
Most Recent Medical Training Supervisor	Professional and Postgraduate Training Experience
Most Recent Medical Training Reason for Leaving	Professional and Postgraduate Training Experience
Medical Training Reason for Leaving	Professional and Postgraduate Training Experience
Hometown(s)	Demographics

Scheduler

AAMC-Thalamus Collaboration – The AAMC and Thalamus have formed a strategic collaboration to accelerate innovation and ease the transition to residency for medical students, medical schools, and residency programs. The collaboration will combine the AAMC's long-established leadership in innovation along the continuum from medical school to residency training and continuing medical education with Thalamus' market-leading product and software development expertise. Through this collaboration, all residency and fellowship programs will receive complimentary access to the Thalamus interview management platform, Thalamus Core and Itinerary Wizard, as well as Cerebellum, a novel data and analytics dashboard to assess recruitment outcomes, specifically from a diversity, equity, inclusion, and geographic perspective.

Please direct any technical support and inquiries about Thalamus products to Thalamus Customer Care.

ERAS PDWS Community Site

Community Site Reminder – Access learning resources, announcements, upcoming events, and updates to training content through the ERAS PDWS Community Site. As a reminder, the community site is a place to collaborate, discuss, and share best practices with other PDWS users.

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