

# Osteopathic Medicine Match Timeline

Students at osteopathic medical schools have multiple opportunities to “match” (apply and be accepted) into graduate medical education (GME) programs or “residencies.” In the 2014 overall matching process (including results of all the matching opportunities referenced below), **99.45% of DO graduates seeking GME had attained a residency position.**

## 2014 Results

All percentages reflect DO students

**99.45%**  
placed in 2014

Application/ Participation Period: **FALL** | Announcement Results/Acceptance: **DECEMBER**

● Matching programs for both MDs and DOs  
● Matching programs for DOs only

### MILITARY MATCH



Application/ Participation Period: **NOVEMBER** | Announcement Results/Acceptance: **FEBRUARY**

**37.50%**  
AOA MATCH

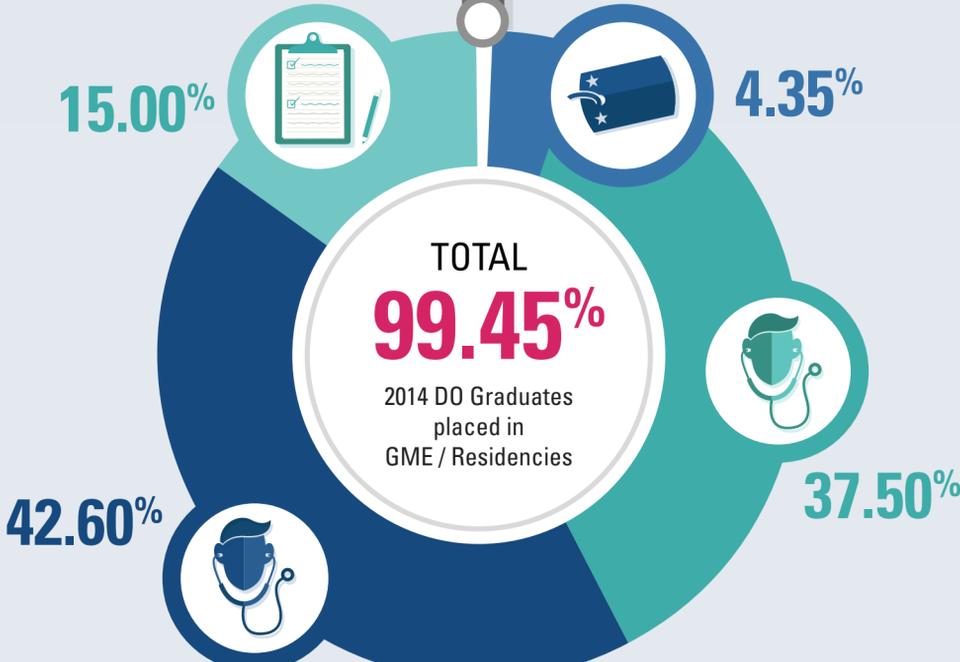
Application/ Participation Period: **MID-MARCH** | Announcement Results/Acceptance: **MARCH “MATCH DAY”**

**42.60%**  
NRMP MATCH

(includes SOAP post-match process)

Application/ Participation Period: **LATE MARCH** | Announcement Results/Acceptance: **EARLY APRIL**

FINAL OPPORTUNITY  
**15.00%**



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## About the Match Opportunities



### THE MILITARY MATCH

This matching opportunity is for both allopathic and osteopathic medical students who have a military commitment; they may participate in the Military Match in the Fall with results known in December. In 2014, 4.35% of osteopathic graduates placed in the Military Match.



### THE AOA MATCH

This matching opportunity is for osteopathic medical students only, for placement in AOA- accredited GME, and takes place under the auspices of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). Results are announced in February. This matching process is iterative and takes place over a series of months. **Historically, 45–50% of osteopathic medical students seek GME through the AOA-NMS Match.** Of those participating in the AOA-NMS Match, historically, over the last three years, over 78% are placed or “matched” into AOA-accredited GME. In 2014, 2,406 DO graduates participated in the AOA-NMS match, with 1,877 students attaining a GME placement, which equates to 37.50% of total GME-seeking DO graduates (4,997).



### THE NRMP “MAIN MATCH”

This one-week-only matching opportunity takes place in March and is for both osteopathic medical (DO) students as well as for allopathic medical (MD) students. It takes place under the auspices of the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP), and results are announced the third Friday in March. In 2014, 2,738 osteopathic medical students participated in the NRMP match. Of those participants, 2,127 successfully matched to ACGME accredited GME — 77.70%. (This includes matches in the SOAP or 1-week, post-match process.) Note: the NRMP match takes precedence over the AOA match. Those 2,127 students represent 42.60% of all GME-seeking students (4,997) in the 2014 match cycle.



### ONE FINAL CHANCE TO MATCH

Osteopathic graduates who have not matched/placed into GME through the military match, AOA-NMS Match, or NRMP Match still have the opportunity to apply and seek placement in one of the open AOA-accredited GME positions. This generally occurs in late March and early April of each year. By the end of April 2014, another 746 students had been placed into GME, resulting in an additional 15.00%. The total of DO graduates seeking GME that had been placed into positions at the end of the 2014 match cycle was **99.45%** (4,967 / 4,997).

### BACKGROUND

The National Resident Matching Program® (NRMP®) is a non-profit organization founded in 1952 by medical students seeking to standardize the residency selection process and establish a uniform format of appointment to positions in graduate medical education (GME) training programs. It is governed by a Board of Directors that includes representatives from national medical and medical education organizations as well as medical students, resident physicians, and GME program directors. The NRMP manages the Main Residency Match® and the Specialties Matching Service®, which includes Matches for more than 40 fellowship subspecialties.

“Placing” and “matching” into graduate medical education programs, or residencies, are not necessarily the same thing. Matching occurs through one of the formal match programs, but placement may occur in any number of additional ways outside of the standard match programs.