

ACGME-Accredited Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program Applicant FAQs 2026-2027

1. When and how do I apply to ACGME-accredited hospice and palliative medicine fellowship programs?

The majority of ACGME-accredited hospice and palliative medicine fellowship programs use the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS). In early June, MyERAS opens for fellowship applicants. Be sure to review AAMC ERAS Tools for Fellowship Applicants. In early June 2026, the ERAS 2027 season begins.

- ERAS Participating Specialties and Programs. Participating hospice and palliative medicine fellowship programs will be listed beginning early summer 2026.
- MyERAS Fellowship User Guide is available online.
- EFDO begins to generate and distribute MyERAS tokens in early June 2026.
- MyERAS website opens to fellowship applicants to register and start their applications in July, 2026. Check the ERAS website for the exact opening date.
- Applicants use MyERAS to identify letter writers and print instructions for using the Letter of Recommendation Portal (LoRP) to upload letters.

HPM fellowship programs may begin reviewing applications mid-August 2026.

2. When do I register for the Hospice and Palliative Medicine Match?

Hospice and Palliative Medicine is participating in the NRMP Medical Specialties Match for the 2027 appointment year. This Match will **open August 26, 2026**. Complete the Registration Process, electronically sign the Match Participation Agreement, and pay Match fees. Applicants must meet the prerequisites for training that are specific to hospice and palliative medicine. All required clinical education for entry into ACGME-accredited fellowship programs must be completed in an ACGME accredited residency program, an AOA-approved residency program, a program with ACGME International Advanced Specialty Accreditation, or a Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada-accredited or College of Family Physicians of Canada-accredited residency program located in Canada. Prior to appointment in a program, fellows must prerequisite education in a residency program that satisfies eligibility as noted above as follows: completion of a residency program in child neurology, family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, neurology or radiation oncology; or at least three clinical years in residency program in anesthesiology, emergency medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, psychiatry, radiology, or surgery.

For fellow eligibility exceptions, please refer to the ACGME Program Requirements for GME in Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

3. I have registered for the Match and completed my interviews, what is my next step?

After registering for the Match and completing interviews, applicants submit to the NRMP a list of programs ranked in order of preference, where they wish to train. **The rank list opens September 30, 2026.** Rank order lists must be **certified by the November 18, 2026 deadline** to be used when the matching algorithm is processed. Withdrawals from the Match **MUST** be completed by the rank order list deadline.

Match Day is December 2, 2026 at 12pm Eastern.

[About Rank Order Lists](#)

[Participating as a Couple](#)

4. I am applying to a program with a pediatric and a standard track. How will I designate which track I want to rank?

Each program and track has a specific identification number that you will select. Please be VERY careful that you select the identification number that refers to the program AND track that you wish to rank.

5. When is the Hospice and Palliative Medicine Match Day and how do I learn where I matched?

On Match Day, November 30, 2022, applicants will be notified by email where they matched or, if necessary, be able to log in to the NRMP R3® system at 12:00 pm ET to view the *List of Unfilled Programs*. A *List of Unmatched Applicants* also is available for programs that do not fill all positions.

6. Signaling

Applicants applying to Hospice and Palliative Medicine (HPM) Fellowships will have five signals available to send.ⁱ Sending signals is optional for applicants and receiving signals is optional for programs. Individual programs do not have to complete a participation agreement. They will be automatically opted in when the **2027 ERAS season opens on June 4, 2026**. Programs may choose to opt out within the Program Management tab in the Program Director's WorkStation (PDWS). If applicants are applying to multiple fellowships, they will have the maximum number of signals available for each fellowship (eg, 5 HPM

signals, 20 Cardiology signals). Signals are specialty-specific, so in the above example a dual applicant could only send signals to five HPM fellowships.

- [Program information on signaling](#)
- [Applicants information on signaling](#)

7. Virtual Interview Position

AAHPM strongly encourages fellowship programs to continue using virtual interviews to promote equity across programs. Programs should conduct virtual interviews for all applicants, including learners applying to programs at their own institution. Recognizing that each subspecialty and fellowship program is distinct, AAHPM encourages programs to adopt clear standards for communicating applicants' interview status, including invitation, waitlist, or rejection, and to describe their communication process and timeline on their program website.

- [AAMC position](#)

ⁱ <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-residencies-eras/program-signaling-2026-myeras-application-season>