

Specialty Advising: Pathology
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Advising Efforts

Students are encouraged to contact the Specialty Advisor for individualized attention.

Residency Planning Q & A

To be considered for this specialty, what is the Step 1 score range?	The higher, the better, at least a 220. But scores are not as important as your perceived ability to work with others.
Do students need to be at the top of the class to be competitive in this specialty?	No. The ability to achieve as an individual does not necessarily correlate with the ability to be an effective team player.
Is research a strong consideration for candidacy in this specialty?	There are two types of Pathology careers. Private practice or Academic. Private practice does not require research experience.
How important are away electives? Acting Internships?	A rotation in pathology is encouraged because you need to know what the career is like. An away elective is helpful if there is one particular program that you absolutely want to be in.
If students did well on Step 1, should they try to take Step 2 before Rank Order Lists are due?	Not necessary!
Should letters of recommendations all come from this specialty or should also have others?	A mixture. Letters should come from people that know you and can attest to your ability to work effectively with others.
What do you want students to know about your program in particular	Our Residency program is nationally known for having strong Anatomic and Clinical Pathology training. As a result, our residents get into some of the most prestigious Pathology fellowships.
Does your specialty REQUIRE a Chair's letter?	Not required, but certainly doesn't hurt.