

# Specialty Advising: Radiation Oncology

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## Advising Efforts

<u>First and Second Year Students</u>	<u>Third and Fourth Year Students</u>
Shadowing opportunities are available by email request.	Meet with the Program Director if interested, enroll in the 4 week radiation oncology elective after which, further advising and counseling is readily available.

## Residency Planning Q & A

To be considered for this specialty, what is the Step 1 score range?	Generally, 220 and above
Do students need to be at the top of the class to be competitive in this specialty?	Generally, yes
Is research a strong consideration for candidacy in this specialty?	Not necessarily but research is helpful
How important are away electives? Acting Internships?	Away electives are commonly done and in addition to showing interest they help the candidate get a better feel for the specialty.
If students did well on Step 1, should they try to take Step 2 before Rank Order Lists are due?	Most applicants seem to take Step 2 early.
Should letters of recommendations all come from this specialty or should also have others?	Both are acceptable, however prefer at least 2 letters from Radiation Oncologists
What do you want students to know about your program in particular	
Does your specialty REQUIRE a Chair's letter?	No, but the majority of applicants do have a letter from the Chair of their department.