Positions beginning in 2013 in pharmacy residency programs are offered to applicants through the ASHP Resident Matching Program (the “Match”). The Match is sponsored and supervised by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). The Match is administered on behalf of the ASHP by National Matching Services Inc.

The Match includes both postgraduate year one (PGY1) and postgraduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residencies.

To obtain a position at a residency program that is participating in the Match, applicants must register for and participate in the Match.

A web site has been established for the Match at: www.natmatch.com/ashprmp
The information available on the web site includes: an overview of the purpose and operation of the Match; the detailed schedule of dates; rules of participation for applicants and programs; a description of the matching algorithm; and, instructions for registering for the Match. Prior to registering for the Match, applicants should review the information about the Match on the Match web site.

The ASHP has also established the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS), which is used by many pharmacy residency programs. PhORCAS and the Match are separate but complementary services operated by separate entities. PhORCAS distributes application information to programs to initiate the application process, while the Match is used by applicants and programs to determine the final placement of applicants into positions after the application and evaluation process is completed. Programs must be registered to participate in the Match in order to use PhORCAS; similarly, applicants must register for the Match in order to be eligible to submit applications to programs through PhORCAS. Program participation in PhORCAS is not mandatory and as a result some programs participating in the Match may choose to not use PhORCAS; however, it is expected that most programs that participate in the Match will also participate in PhORCAS.

For the convenience of applicants who will use both services, the Match and PhORCAS have partnered to implement a shared registration portal where applicants register for the Match and submit applications through PhORCAS. Applicants who wish to participate in the Match must register for the Match using the shared PhORCAS/Match registration portal. Applicants will not be required to complete PhORCAS applications in order to register for the Match; however, applicants must be registered for the Match in order to submit applications to programs through PhORCAS. There is a fee for registering for the Match, as outlined in the instructions for applicant registration provided on the Match web site.

The shared registration portal can be accessed from the Match web site at www.natmatch.com/ashprmp - select the tab “For Applicants”, then select the option to “Register for the Match”.

If you have any questions concerning the Match please contact National Matching Services Inc. at the address, phone and fax numbers shown below, or by e-mail at ashprmp@natmatch.com.