

Critical Care Fellowship Timeline



SUBMIT!

Make sure ALL documents are submitted and assigned to every program
Consider notifying your most desirable programs once your application is submitted

The final moments.

1-2 weeks prior to application submission

Make sure ERAS application is complete
Make sure ALL documents (CV, LORs, personal statement, transcripts, dean's letter) have been uploaded
Double and triple-check your application for grammar and spelling

The end is near...

1-2 months prior to application submission

Formally ask letter-writers, if you have not already.
Begin personal statement and the ERAS application
Obtain USMLE transcript, medical school Dean's letter and transcript

Cross your t's, Dot your i's.

4-6 months prior to application submission

Have a sound idea of who your letter-writers will be
CV should be up-to-date and edited by a faculty advisor
Explore available CCM programs on EMRA Match and AMA's FREIDA website
Familiarize yourself with ERAS, EFDO, and/or San Francisco Match platforms
Call resuscitations programs directly to learn about their application process

Expose yourself.

PGY1–Early PGY2

Get involved in critical care-related academic projects
Network with intensivists; remember, you will soon need letter-writers
Get involved with EMRA's critical care division; write for EM Resident
Consider leadership roles within your hospital, residency, or EMRA
Try to do at least 3 months' worth of ICU rotations
Constantly update your CV!
Plan on taking Step 3 soon, if you have not already

What exactly do you want?

Medical school + Early PGY1

Find out which critical care fellowship pathway fits your career goals
Reach out to mentors and fellows through EMRA's resources

Timeline Comparison



	Medicine	Anesthesia	Surgery
When application submission begins	July	November	May/June
When application submission ends	N/A	Rank list deadline: May	Rank list deadline: September
Application platform(s)	ERAS; some want paper applications	ERAS; San Francisco Match	SAFAS; some want paper applications
Interview season	Sept-Oct	Nov-April	July–Sept
Is there a Match?	No	Yes (San Francisco match)	Some participate in match (NRMP), some don't
When does application process begin relative to start date?	~1 year prior to fellowship start date	~1.5 years prior to fellowship start date	~1 year prior to fellowship start date