



## Applying for Pathology Fellowships in 2025 and 2026



Updates on timelines, matches and other important information for applicants from the  
**Association for Academic Pathology Fellowship Directors Committee**

The timing and mechanics of applying to pathology fellowships have been complex and mysterious for a long time. Many subspecialties have started to organize their recruitment efforts, to provide for common application processes and standardized timelines. The goal of these efforts is to allow applicants time to make an informed decision on which specialties interest them by starting the application process in the third year of residency, and to allow applicants to interview at all programs that interest them prior to being made offers. Below, the members of the FDC describe the current state of affairs for each specialty for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 recruiting seasons. **Note that most specialties still have open positions for the 2025-6, 2026-7, and 2027-8 academic years.** Please check the individual subspecialty websites and the AAPath listing of unexpected openings at (<https://www.academicpathology.org/fellowship-openings>)

### Subspecialty Fellowship Recruitment Plans in Brief:

<b>Academic Year 2026-7</b>			
<b>Fellowship Match</b> Hematopathology* Molecular Genetic Pathology* Forensic Pathology* Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology* Clinical Informatics#  *NRMP Match #Non-NRMP Match	<b>Common Timeline</b> Dermatopathology (Offers 10/2024)	<b>Unstructured Recruitment</b> General Surgical Pathology All surgical pathology subspecialties other than BST Cytopathology Pediatric Pathology Transfusion Medicine Chemical Pathology Medical Microbiology	<b>TBD</b> None
<b>Academic Year 2027-8</b>			
<b>Fellowship Match</b> Hematopathology* Molecular Genetic Pathology* Forensic Pathology Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology* Clinical Informatics  *Tentative, pending feedback from 2025 Match	<b>Common Timeline</b>	<b>Unstructured Recruitment</b> General Surgical Pathology All surgical pathology subspecialties other than BST, gynecologic pathology Pediatric Pathology Transfusion Medicine Chemical Pathology Medical Microbiology	<b>TBD</b> Cytopathology Gynecologic Pathology Dermatopathology

### Key Dates:

<b>Academic Year 2026-7</b>		
<b>NRMP Match:</b> March 12, 2025: ranking opens April 16, 2025: rank order list certification deadline April 30, 2025: match day July 2026: start of fellowship	<b>Clinical informatics Match:</b> See website for details.	<b>Non-Match:</b> Most programs have already extended offers. However, most specialties still have openings for AY26. Contact individual programs for information.
<b>Academic Year 2027-8</b>		
<b>NRMP Match:</b> ~mid-March, 2026: ranking opens ~mid-April, 2026: rank order list certification deadline ~May 1, 2026: match day July 2027: start of fellowship	<b>Clinical informatics Match:</b> See website for details.	<b>Non-Match:</b> <u>Common timeline</u> is typically October 2025 for July 2027 start date. For specialties with <u>unstructured</u> recruitment, see individual program requirements.

**Further Information:**

**Surgical Pathology & Most Subspecialties:** <https://www.apcprods.org/surgpath-recruitment-page>

**Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology:** <https://isbstp.org/msk-match/>

**Cytopathology:** <https://cytopathology.org/page/CytopathologyFellowshipUnifiedTimeline>

**Dermatopathology:** <https://www.asdp.org/physicians-in-training/dermatopathology-fellowships/>

**Molecular Genetic Pathology:** <https://www.amp.org/education/career-development/molecular-genetic-pathology-unified-timeline/>

**Hematopathology:** <https://www.society-for-hematopathology.org/web/education-match.php>

**Forensic Pathology:** <https://www.thename.org/applying-matching-to-forensic-pathology-fellowships>

**Pediatric Pathology:** <https://www.sponline.org/fellowships-2>

**Transfusion Medicine:** <https://www.aabb.org/>

**Neuropathology:** <https://www.neuropath.org/neuropathology-fellowships>

**Clinical Informatics:** <https://www.pathologyinformatics.org/informatics-fellowships>

**Chemical Pathology:** <https://www.aacc.org/>

**Medical Microbiology:** <https://asm.org/>