

EMERGENCY MEDICINE AIR FORCE MEDICAL STUDENT PLANNER

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This planner will need to be adapted depending on your unique circumstance. Academic and EM rotation performance are key. As a military applicant it is important you meet with an academic advisor with experience advising military-bound students. The timeline for military applicants is unique and may vary depending on your individual needs.

Year 1	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring		
Academics	Basic Sciences – aim to be in top ½ of class					
Research	Complete your institutional review board (IRB) registration process. *(Ntl. Avg = 2-3 research/publication experiences)	Mentor and Project Selection	Literature Search	Submit IRB Application		
Volunteer	Aim for consistent, longitudinal experiences (at least 3): national societies, student run clinics, advising/mentoring opportunities, community organizations, international projects, etc. *(Ntl avg = 6-7 volunteer experiences)					
EM Career Experience	 Join your school's EMIG (Emergency Medicine Interest Group) Join EMRA (Emergency Medicine Resident Association) 			EM based continuity clinic or shadowing Find an EM advisor and explore CORD ASCEM resources		
Misc.^	Keep track of experiences for CV	Register for COT (early November) ACEP, FIX conferences	AAEM conference Register for AMP (December)	Buy uniforms SAEM Conference		
Year 2	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring		
Academics	Basic Sciences – aim to be in top ½ of class	Start studying for USMLE Step 1 exam	Begin planning and coordinating clerkships	Take Step 1 *(EM ntl average 232)		
Research	Await IRB determination (likely resubmit with changes)	Data Collection				
Volunteer	Take leadership positions in volunteer organizations and complete a volunteer project					
EM Career Experience	Take a leadership position in EMIG			Meet with EM advisor to discuss early strategies for success		
Misc.^	 COT/AMP File vouchers Keep track of experiences for CV 	ACEP, FIX conferences	AAEM conference	SAEM conference		
Year 3	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring		
Academics	Clinical Clerkships – focus on consistent perfo	ormance across all clerkships, balance shelf exa	m with clinical performance	Start studying USMLE Step 2 CK		
Research	Data Analysis. Write abstract and submit for presentation at national or regional EM meeting (ACEP, SAEM, CORD, Critical Care, Wilderness, Ultrasound, EMS)		Consider writing up a case report or small quality-improvement project with a resident or attending from one of your rotations.			

Volunteer	Complete another volunteer project (if possible)					
EM Career Experience	Take a leadership position in EMRA or another organization	Research elective rotations- EMRA match	EM or critical care based continuity clinic or shadowing	 Meet with EM advisor to gauge competitiveness and discuss electives and 4th year schedule Apply for visiting EM rotationsprograms accept applications as early as March 		
Misc.^	 HPERB Released Keep track of experiences for CV 	ACEP, FIX conferences EMRA medical student symposium	Schedule ADT aways (December) AAEM- Medical Student Session Review again CORD ASCEM website and resources	 Scholarship completion application to HPSP Update CV for VSAS Residency Fairs at SAEM, ACEP national/regional conferences 		
Year 4	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring		
Academics	 Study and take Step 2 CK *(EM ntl average 245) Electives – front load EM rotation, EM electives- goal for at least 1 SLOE before ERAS opens! 	 Consider rotations to expand your knowled ophthalmology, orthopedics Take USMLE Step 2 CS 	dge-base and skill set: critical care, anesthesia,	pediatric emergency medicine, radiology,		
Research	Write abstract and submit for presentation at national or regional EM meeting (ACEP, SAEM, CORD, Critical Care, Wilderness, Ultrasound, EMS), or if already accepted, present at EM Meeting			 Present at EM meeting Compose manuscript and submit for publication 		
Volunteer	Complete another volunteer project (if possible)					
EM Career Experience	 EM rotations at home (if offered) and outside institution(s). Military Interviews begin, Military Programs complete rank list by early November Meet with EM advisor to discuss ERAS application strategy Visit EMRA match 	 EM rotation(s) at outside institution if not done in summer; 3rd academic EM rotation not ubiquitously required, please consult advisor Consider an EM elective rotation (pediatrics, ultrasound, toxicology, international, sports med, EMS, etc.) 	1. No military match? Civilian Interviews. Consider taking January off/Scheduling Civilian Interviews in January. 2. Create ERAS Rank list	 Civilian EM match day Do something fun! 		
Misc.^	 Submit initial MODS (July) Update CV for ERAS Application Start writing personal statement for ERAS Application Standardized Video Interview 	 Submit MODS Application and Rank List Due (Oct) Submit ERAS Application on opening day (Sept) Residency Fairs- National and Regional 	Military Match (December) AAEM Conference	SAEM conference		

^{*}All National Averages (ntl avg) are based on the 2016-2017 first year EM resident. Available at https://www.aamc.org/data/484714/report-on-residents-2017-b1table.html. There is a large standard deviation, with some applicants having no research experience or publications. Numbers indicate all experiences over a 4 year medical school career.

[^]Conferences may offer a numerous opportunities for student's potential to match in EM.