

2025 Road to Residency Webinar – Introduction to SLOE

Do you mind clarifying if the SLOE is required or recommended? Just want to make sure I fully understand!

Nikola Dragojlovic, DO: There's no way to REQUIRE it. In other specialties, it has become the de facto requirement

Ashlee Bolger: But as a specialty we are highly recommending it and encouraging each program to post their exact preferences

Nikola Dragojlovic, DO: With our specialty, since the SLOE is new, we understand there's no mandate we can apply, so that's why it is strongly encouraged

Are SLOE's meant for the specialty you're applying to or can other specialties write a SLOE for you (ie EM SLOE vs general LOR for pm&r app)

Nikola Dragojlovic, DO: Yes the SLOE is specialty specific

Can you outline the components of the SLOE that our evaluators will be filling out? Or share the PDF they will be filling out?

Ashlee Bolger: Similar to other specialties (and narrative letters) we are not sharing the form. However, if you are interested in general format, the AAMC graduating EPA's are a great starting point

Nikola Dragojlovic, DO: We will share the website with you when it goes live. It's still in production!

Ashlee Bolger: We aren't quite live yet (we were hoping we would be by tonight but still have a few residual things) Jewell can you tell the students the general tab where the SLOE lives on the AAP website?

Jewel Fossett: the SLOE will live under the Resources tab on physiatry.org

Nikola Dragojlovic, DO: The AAMC Entrustable Professional activities are often the types of Scenarios you see in your OSCEs

If we're requesting a program for a composite "departmental" SLOE, and then get a narrative LOR from one of the faculty members, would that faculty member be excused from contributing to the composite SLOE? Is it okay to have a SLOE and a LOR from the same program, different physicians?

Nikola Dragojlovic, DO: We asked programs to be consistent about using the SLOE. I would presume that a person contributing to the SLOE would not then write a narrative LOR (ie, double dipping). But I think programs are going to be figuring this out along the way 😊 so just do your best

Will we be able to see on ERAS when a physician completes a SLOE for us? Or how are they uploaded on ERAS?

Ashlee Bolger: Great question. I'm not sure the exact correspondence you get but on our end as letter writers we go through the exact same process with SLOEs and Narrative letters except we check a box that says "This letter is a SLOE." But you should be able to see it is uploaded (and I think you may get an email once something is uploaded into the ERAS LORP).

Do you need to upload separate letters for transitional year application that is separate from PM&R letters?

Ashlee Bolger: Maybe. When you ultimately get into ERAS you will be able to click which letters go to which program. So I would make sure for transitional years that you are submitting what that program wants.

Additional Comments:

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