

Match Day offers big news for Gothenburg medical student

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A Gothenburg medical student found out where he is headed following graduation in May.

Brady Fickenscher is one of 127 University of Nebraska Medical Center senior medical students who received residency assignments during a Match Day ceremony held on campus.

A residency is a training program for newly graduated medical students in the medical area of their choice. Residencies range in length from three to six years.

Fickenscher, with a family medicine primary care specialty, is in the 39% group of UNMC students are staying in Nebraska for their training. He will be assigned to University of Nebraska Affiliated Hospitals in Omaha.

Students are matched through a computer program to align their preferences for residency programs in order to fill the thousands of training positions available at U.S. teaching hospitals.

According to the National Resident Matching Program, U.S. medical school seniors made up 16,390 of the 25,463 applicants who successfully matched to first-year residency positions. Almost 80% of applicants who matched obtained one of their top three choice programs. The number of residency positions in the United States rose by almost 2,400 to an all-time high of 29,171.

UNMC graduation is set for May 4.