



## Altus Suite (Casper Test): Admissions Assessments of Non-Cognitive Skills

Completion of the [Casper test](#) is mandatory for all MCW Medical School applicants. Casper is an online test which assesses non-cognitive skills and interpersonal characteristics that we believe are important for successful students and physicians. This information will complement other tools we use for applicant screening, evaluation, and review and will further enhance the fairness and objectivity of our holistic review and selection process.

Altus offers the opportunity to complete an online multi-part assessment called [Altus Suite](#), consisting of Casper, Snapshot, and Duet.

**Though you will be prompted to participate in all three components, the only required assessment we will use as part of your application evaluation is your [Casper test](#) score.**

Casper	Snapshot	Duet
An open-response, situational judgement test that evaluates applicants' social intelligence and professionalism. Its scores are used to understand each applicant's abilities in this difficult-to-measure domain.	A structured, one-way video interview assessment that was developed to give applicants the opportunity to bring their personal statements to life.	A value-alignment assessment that compares what you value in a program with what the program has to offer.
2 sections; 15 scenarios <b>Section one:</b> Typed responses (3 word-based scenarios and 6 video-based scenarios) <b>Section two:</b> Video responses (2 word-based scenarios and 4 video-based scenarios)	3 interview-style questions; 30 second reflection period then 2 minutes to record a response for each question	Program characteristics are compared in pairs within several categories
<a href="#">Video Explainer</a>	<a href="#">Video Explainer</a>	<a href="#">Video Explainer</a>
100-120 minutes to complete	10-15 minutes to complete	No time limits, but shouldn't take longer than 15 minutes to complete
Casper test must be reserved and taken on a specific date	Can be taken any time after reserving your Casper test. Recommended to complete within 14 days of taking the Casper test	Can be taken any time after reserving your Casper test. Recommended to complete within 14 days of taking the Casper test
<b>Required component of the MCW secondary application</b>	<b>MCW will <u>not</u> use this information as part of your application evaluation</b>	<b>MCW will <u>not</u> use this information as part of your application evaluation</b>

No studying is required for Casper, although you may want to familiarize yourself with the test structure at [TakeAltus.com](https://www.takealtus.com), and ensure you have a quiet environment to take the test. We strongly urge you to take advantage of the [test prep resources](#) that Altus has provided.

Remember: Casper test scores are only valid for one admissions cycle. If you took the Casper test as part of a previous year's application, you are required to retake the test this cycle as well.

### Technology Requirements

In order to take Altus Suite, you will be responsible for securing access to a laptop or desktop computer with webcam and audio capabilities and a reliable internet connection with an internet speed of at least 1.5 Mbps and upload speed of at least 2 Mbps. The following are required for both account creation and completing Altus Suite:

- Government-issued photo ID
- Valid email address (the same one you will use to submit your application)
- Desktop or laptop computer
- Working webcam
- Working microphone
- Reliable high-speed internet connection

The fee to take the Casper test is \$85, which includes 8 program distributions. Each additional program distribution is \$15. This is a change from last cycle and should reduce fees for applicants applying broadly. Casper fees are waived for those approved for the AAMC Fee Assistance Program.

### How to Register

1. Please go to [www.TakeAltus.com](https://www.TakeAltus.com) to sign up for Altus Suite for **Medicine (Allopathic) (CSP-10111 - U.S. Medicine)**, under your specific country, and register using your **AAMC ID** and a government-issued photo ID.
2. Select a Casper test date. You will be provided with a limited number of testing dates and times. Please note that these are the only testing dates available for your Casper test. There will be no additional tests scheduled. Please use an email address that you check regularly and that you have used for your application; there may be updates to the test schedule.
  - a. Important: To account for identity verification and payment processing timeline, ensure that you register for your test at least 3 days before your preferred test date and time. Last-minute bookings are not recommended.
3. Ensure you have **selected MCW Medical School for distribution before each posted Distribution Deadline**. Likely, there will be no additional tests scheduled, but the most up to date information can be found by browsing the [Test Dates and Times](#) on [TakeAltus.com](https://www.TakeAltus.com).

### Accommodations

If you require testing accommodations for Altus Suite you will need to submit the [Accommodations Request Form](#) signed by you and your qualified professional at least 3 weeks in advance of your desired test date. More information regarding accommodations can be found [here](#).

### Scoring

While you will not receive your Casper test score, you will receive your score quartile. Altus will email test takers when their quartile results are available, and they can be viewed in their account at [TakeAltus.com](https://www.TakeAltus.com).

### Questions & Support

Please direct any inquiries on Altus Suite to [support@altus.as](mailto:support@altus.as). Alternatively, review this list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#), or use the chat bubble in the bottom right hand corner of your screen on the [TakeAltus.com](https://www.TakeAltus.com) website.

If you have any other questions, please contact the MCW Medical School Office of Admissions at [medschool@mcw.edu](mailto:medschool@mcw.edu).