



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 online situational judgment test that screens applicants for 10 non-cognitive competencies, such as ethics, empathy, problem-solving and collaboration.	A short, one-way video interview to highlight your communication skills and motivation for the profession so you can bring your personal statement to life.	A value-alignment assessment that compares what you value in a program with what the program has to offer.
12 scenarios (8 video-based and 4 text-based)	3 questions with two minutes to respond to each	Program characteristics are compared in pairs within several categories
60-90 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	Recommended to complete within 14 days of taking the Casper test	Recommended to complete within 14 days of taking the Casper test
Required component of the MCW secondary application	MCW will <u>not</u> use this information as part of your application evaluation	MCW will <u>not</u> use this information as part of your application evaluation

No studying is required for Casper, although you may want to familiarize yourself with the test structure at [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. For a more detailed look at the Casper test, please watch this [video](#).

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. 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)
- Working webcam
- Working microphone
- Reliable high-speed internet connection

There is a \$12 fee to take Casper and a \$12 fee to send your score to MCW. Casper fees are waived for those approved for the AAMC Fee Assistance Program.

How to Register

1. Please go to 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.
 1. 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 the 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.
4. You may complete Snapshot and Duet any time after you have registered for your Casper test at TakeAltus.com. It is recommended that you complete Snapshot and Duet within 14 days of taking the Casper test. **Again, the only assessment MCW will use as part of your application evaluation is your Casper test score.**

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.

Questions & Support

Please direct any inquiries on Altus Suite to 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 website.

If you have any other questions, please contact the MCW Medical School Office of Admissions at medschool@mcw.edu.