The CASPer Test: Computer-Based Assessment for Sampling Personal Characteristics

All applicants to MCW Medical School are required to complete an online assessment (CASPer), to assist with our holistic review and selection process. Completion of CASPer is mandatory to complete your secondary application and be reviewed for interview selection.

CASPer is an online test which assesses for non-cognitive skills and interpersonal characteristics that we believe are important for successful students, graduates of our program, and physicians. This information will complement the other tools that we use for applicant screening and review. In implementing CASPer, we are trying to further enhance fairness and objectivity in our selection process.

In order to take CASPer, you will be responsible for securing access to a desktop or laptop computer with audio capabilities, a webcam, and a reliable internet connection on your selected test date. The CASPer test must be taken using either Firefox or Chrome internet browsers and cannot be taken using a mobile device. No exceptions will be provided for applicants unable to take CASPer online due to being located at sites where internet is not dependable due to technical or political factors.

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.

Please go to takeCASPer.com to sign up for the Medicine test (CSP-10111 – US Medicine). You will reserve a test using your AAMC ID and a government-issued photo ID. Please use an email address that you check regularly. You will be provided with a limited number of testing dates and times. We recommend registering for your test at least 3 days before your preferred test date and time. Please note that these are the only testing dates available for your CASPer test. There will be no additional tests scheduled. You should not register for test dates in December as these fall after the MCW secondary application deadline. You must also select MCW for distribution before the posted Distribution Deadline.

The CASPer test is comprised of 12 sections of video and written scenarios. Following each scenario, you will be required to answer a set of probing questions under a time contract. The test typically takes between 75-90 minutes to complete. Each response is graded by a different rater, giving a very robust and reliable view of personal and professional characteristics important to our program. No studying is required for CASPer! To prepare, you may want to familiarize yourself with the test structure at takeCASPer.com and ensure you have a quiet environment to take the test. For a more detailed look at the CASPer test, please see this video.

CASPer test results are valid for one admissions cycle. Applicants who have already taken the test in previous years will therefore be expected to re-take it.

If you are requesting test accommodations, you will need to submit the Accommodations Request Form signed by you and your qualified professional 3 weeks in advance of your desired test date. More information regarding CASPer accommodations can be found here.

Please direct any inquiries on the test to support@takecasper.com. Alternatively, you may use the chat bubble in the bottom right hand corner of your screen on the takecasper.com website.

If you have any other questions, please contact the MCW Medical School Office of Admissions at medschool@mcw.edu or 414-955-8246.