



## CASPER FAQs

### What is Altus suite?

All domestic and international applicants applying to the Doctor of Medicine (MD) at the University of Wollongong are required to complete an online suite of assessments (Altus Suite), to assist with our selection process for the 2022-2023 Application Cycle.

Altus Suite is a standardised, two -part online assessment of non-cognitive skills, interpersonal characteristics, and personal values and priorities that we believe are important for successful students and graduates of our program. Altus Suite will complement the other tools that we use for applicant review and evaluation. In implementing Altus Suite, we are trying to further enhance fairness and objectivity in our selection process.

Altus Suite consists of:

- [Casper](#): 100-120 minute online, open-response situational judgment test
- [Snapshot](#): 15-minute one-way video interview with standardized questions
- [Duet](#): - 15-minute value-alignment assessment\*

\*Please note, Duet is not required for entry to UOW Doctor of Medicine.

### Is there a cost involved?

The fee to take the test is \$80 and applicants are responsible for their own financing of this test. The fee covers the cost of applicants sitting the test and distribution of their score to the University of Wollongong (UOW). Applicants will be required to pay when registering to sit the test, with payments being processed online and major credit cards accepted.

### Why do I need to take the Casper test?

The University of Wollongong understands that there are many more qualities to becoming a good medical professional than just academic ability, therefore, the admissions process also considers performance in the portfolio and the interviews. Casper testing allows for UOW to understand and determine non-academic suitability for the Doctor of Medicine program for all applicants, not only those selected for interview. Casper enhances fairness and objectivity in our selection process. It complements other tools that we use for applicant screening.

Applicants who do not have a valid Casper score or a Snapshot video will not be considered eligible for entry.

### How do I take the Altus suite tests?

As the test is online, it can be completed anywhere, provided applicants have access to a computer and a reliable internet connection – you will also need access to a webcam and microphone for security processes. To give the test your full attention and try and eliminate distractions, you may wish to use headphones.

When registering for Casper domestic applicants will need to use their GAMSAT ID as their Application ID. This will allow your Casper test score to be matched up with your application in GEMSAS via your GAMSAT ID. International applicants will not require this step.



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### **When is Casper?**

For 2023 entry, the following Casper dates are available

#### Domestic applicants

- Sun May 22, 2022 at 11:00 am AEST
- Thurs June 2, 2022 at 8:00 pm AEST

Domestic applicants: If you have not yet registered for Casper by the time of GEMSAS applications closing, you must register IMMEDIATELY to ensure you are included in the final test dates in time for consideration this year.

#### International applicants

- Wed March 23, 2022 at 12:15 pm AEDT
- Sun May 22, 2022 at 11:00 am AEST
- Thurs June 2, 2022 at 8:00 pm AEST
- Wed August 24, 2022 at 10:00 am AEST

International applicants: the Casper test dates correlate with interview rounds in April, June and September. Please register for your Casper as early as possible to ensure you are eligible for that interview round.

It is recommended that applicants should register to take the test on the first available/possible date, to provide a backup should an emergency happen, and you need to move your test. Applicants without a Casper score will not be considered for entry.

### **Can I prepare beforehand?**

Once registered and logged into your Casper account, click the System Requirements Check button to take a "mock" Casper test. This is a shortened sample test that will show you examples of content, which will help you familiarize yourself with the test. This System Requirements Check will also ensure your computer is all set up for test day, to lessen the likelihood of running into tech issues. It is not advisable to attend any commercial Casper preparation courses that may be advertised on the internet. These can be quite costly and are not helpful to your performance.

### **Can I fail?**

Applicants are reminded that there are no right or wrong answers with this test. The test is looking for non-academic qualities of people wanting to enter the Doctor of Medicine program and the medical profession. You are advised to respond to each question as clearly and effectively as you can within the timeframe given.

### **Can I sit the test more than once?**

The test results will only apply to the year of the submitted application. If you apply in a following year you will need a new Casper score.



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### **I have bad spelling and grammar. Will this affect the score?**

UOW is not looking into whether applicants are able to spell. Applicants are encouraged to take care to ensure that all responses to the questions are as clearly articulated as possible.

### **How will the Casper test be scored?**

Casper is developed and administered by Altus Assessments; an internationally recognised assessment company based in Canada. Each of the questions involved in the test will be scored by a unique rater, independent of the University of Wollongong. The overall score is made up of independent impressions of you. All responses are de-identified, so the raters do not know who you are or what you achieved on other parts of the test.

### **What happens if I can't sit Casper on the dates given?**

Unfortunately, individual schedules cannot be accommodated. The dates set for the Casper test are prearranged to ensure the processing meets domestic GEMSAS application deadlines and international admissions processing and interview rounds. If you are not available on any of the test dates, your application to UOW will not be considered. If there are extenuating and unforeseeable circumstances that impact on you completing the Casper test, you must contact Altus assessments as soon as possible to discuss your situation, however, please note an exception to the test requirements would not normally be granted.

### **What happens if I do not do the Casper test?**

The requirement states you need to have a Casper score as part of your application. If you do not sit the test, your application will not be considered for 2023 entry.

### **What about Snapshot?**

Snapshot is a short, one-way video interview. It is made up of three interview-style questions, with two minutes to respond to each. Snapshot is an extra opportunity for you to demonstrate your personal attributes, especially during this time where face to face communication is difficult. This will help give UOW additional information to make more informed decisions on your application and who you are as an individual.

All candidates to UOW MD are required to sit Snapshot in addition to the standard Casper test. It is highly recommended you complete Snapshot within 14 days of sitting Casper. For more specific information on Snapshot click here <https://takealtus.com/snapshot/>



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### How do I register for Altus Suite?

In order to take Altus Suite, you will be responsible for securing access to a laptop or desktop computer with webcam and audio capabilities. You will require the following 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
1. Please go to [www.TakeAltus.com](http://www.TakeAltus.com) to sign up for Altus Suite for **Postgraduate Medicine (CSP – 20401 – Australian Postgraduate Medicine)** under Australia, and register for a UOW test.
  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. Take care that you select the appropriate testing date as a domestic or international applicant – these are not interchangeable. 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. Domestic applicants have your GAMSAT ID number handy for registration purposes.
    - 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 University of Wollongong 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](http://TakeAltus.com).
  4. You may complete Snapshot any time after you have registered for your Casper test at [www.TakeAltus.com](http://www.TakeAltus.com). Please complete it as soon as possible to ensure your Snapshot is available for consideration. It is highly recommended you complete Snapshot within 14 days of sitting Casper.
  5. Please direct any inquiries on Altus Suite to [support@altus.as](mailto:support@altus.as). Alternatively, you may use the chat bubble in the bottom right-hand corner of your screen on the [TakeAltus.com](http://TakeAltus.com) website.

**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 3 weeks in advance of your desired test date. More information regarding accommodations can be found [here](#).

### I would like more information.

You can visit the FAQ page on the Altus website [www.takealtus.com](http://www.takealtus.com) or contact us on [md-enquiries@uow.edu.au](mailto:md-enquiries@uow.edu.au)