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What is CASPer?

CASPer is an online, video scenario based situational judgement test and is designed to measure personal and professional traits, such as ethics, empathy and communication and how these traits will be best suited towards a career in 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 also distribution of their score to the University of Wollongong (UOW), through the GEMSAS application system. 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 takes into account performance in the portfolio and the interviews. CASPer testing allows for UOW to understand and determine non-academic suitability for the Graduate 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 will not be considered eligible for entry.

How do I take the CASPer test?

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. In order to give the test your full attention and try and eliminate distractions, you may wish to use headphones. In order to take the test, you will need to head to the website https://takecasper.com.

When is CASPer?

For 2022 entry, CASPer testing dates are still being confirmed.

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It is recommended that applicants try and register to take the test on the first available date. Applicants without a CASPer score will not be considered for entry.

How long does the CASPer test take?

Applicants will need to allow at least 90mins for the test, which will include the introduction, 65mins to view each of the video and text-based triggers and answer a set of short answer questions. Applicants are encouraged to register at least 3 days prior to the CASPer test date as late bookings are not recommended.

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 Graduate 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.

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

UOW is not looking into whether applicants are able to spell. That being said, 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.

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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. 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 md-enquiries@uow.edu.au 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 don't 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 2022 entry.

I would like more information.

You can visit the FAQ page on the CASPer website located at: https://takecasper.com/faq/