

Altus Assessments

Altus assessments are sometimes required or encouraged by medical schools. Be sure to check for requirements specific to each medical school you are applying to. All of these exams are taken online.

CASPER

CASPER is typically taken in June and July following the submission of primary applications. This test is composed of two sections.

- Section 1:
 - Typed format
 - 9 scenarios total
 - 3 worded
 - 6 videos
 - 5 minutes total (for each set of 3 questions per scenario)
- Section 2:
 - Video response format
 - 6 scenarios
 - 2 are typed
 - 4 are videos
 - 1 minute for each of the 3 questions associated with each scenario

How to prepare:

- Practice typing quickly
- Practice looking directly into your web camera
- Look at resources, practice questions, and practice tests provided for each assessment

Duet

Duet is a way for medical schools to evaluate your fit level, focusing on your character, values, and educational preferences.

- No time limit
- Includes a set of 21 questions
 - 6 questions focus on teaching and learning
 - 6 questions focus on the mission and culture of schools
 - 6 questions focus on the features of a program
 - 3 questions are between the categories and are very central

Snapshot

Snapshot is like a mock interview. With this exam, you will be able to practice your interviewing skills and give medical schools a better idea of what links you to medicine.

- 3 questions
- 30 seconds of “thinking” time to reflect on the question

- 2 minutes to respond to each question
- Questions may include typical medical school interview questions

Duet and Snapshot are typically taken within the two weeks following taking CASPER.