

# SITUATIONAL JUDGEMENT TEST REQUIREMENT

All applicants to Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will be required to complete a situational judgement test (SJT) as part of the application to all MD programs (Regular MD, BS/MD, MD/PhD, and EAP).

The SJT platform we are utilizing is called Casper (Computer Assessment for Sampling Personal Characteristics) and is one of the three assessments offered by Altus Assessments. We do **NOT** utilize the Snapshot or Duet assessments that are part of the Altus Suite. The AAMC PREview exam or other situational judgement tests may **NOT** be substituted for the Casper.

Casper is an online test which assesses for non-cognitive skills and interpersonal characteristics that we believe are important for successful students and graduates of our program and will complement the other tools that we use for applicant screening. 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 computer with audio capabilities, a webcam, and a reliable internet connection on your selected test date. Casper can be taken practically anywhere that you can satisfy the aforementioned requirements. 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.

Please go to [www.TakeAltus.com](http://www.TakeAltus.com) to sign up and reserve a test using your AAMC ID and a government-issued photo ID. 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; there may be updates to the test schedule.

If you have any questions regarding the Casper test, please contact the Support Team by using the chat bubble in the bottom right hand corner of your screen on the [www.TakeAltus.com](http://www.TakeAltus.com) website.

The Casper test is comprised of 2 sections (typed and video response) with 15 scenarios (9 video-based and 6 word-based). Following each scenario, you will be required to answer a set of probing questions under a time contract. The test should take 100-120 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, although you may want to familiarize yourself with the test structure at [www.TakeAltus.com](http://www.TakeAltus.com), and ensure you have a quiet environment to take the test.

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.

**NOTE: A CASPER SCORE IS REQUIRED FOR AN INTERVIEW. WE DO NOT REQUIRE SNAPSHOT OR DUET.**