

Altus Suite - admissions assessments of non-cognitive skills

All applicants applying to the BS/MD Program at Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine are required to complete an online assessment (Altus Suite - Casper) to assist with our selection process for the 2021-2022 Application Cycle.

How to Complete Altus Suite - Casper

In order to take Casper, you will be responsible for securing access to a laptop or desktop computer with webcam and audio capabilities. There is a fee for taking Casper. All fees are final, non-refundable, and valid for the current admissions cycle. You will require the following for both account creation and completing Casper:

- Government-issued photo ID
 - Credit or Debit card for online payment
 - 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 to sign up for Altus Suite for **BA/MD (CSP-10106 - U.S. Undergraduate Health Sciences)**, select United States of America, BA/MD, Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, and register using your First and Last Name and a piece of government-issued photo ID.
 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. 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.
 1. 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. In an abundance of caution, you may want to register 7-10 days in advance of your desired test date/time.
 3. Ensure you have selected Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine 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.
 4. You are not required to complete Snapshot and Duet.
 5. Please direct any inquiries on Altus Suite to support@altus.as. Alternatively, you may use the chat bubble in the bottom right hand corner of your screen on the 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](#).

About Casper

The Casper test comprises 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, although you may want to familiarize yourself with the test structure at TakeAltus.com, and ensure you have a quiet environment to take the test. We strongly urge you to take advantage of the 12-section practice test, which will not only immerse you in the test environment, but will also ensure you meet the technical requirements to access and complete 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.

For a more detailed look at the Casper test, please see this [video](#).