

## The Altus Suite - CASPer Exam Snapshot Computer-Based Assessment

All applicants to the School of Nursing, at Northern Arizona University are required to complete an online assessment (CASPer), to assist with the selection process. Successful completion of both the CASPer and Snapshot are mandatory in order to maintain admission eligibility.

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.

To take the CASPer assessment, you will be responsible for securing access to a computer with audio capabilities, a webcam, and a reliable internet connection on your selected exam 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 an exam date using your **NAU student email address** and a piece of government-issued photo ID. Available dates are limited. CASPer tests once per month and at least twice per admission cycle. Please note that these are the only testing dates available to complete your CASPer exam. There will be no additional exams scheduled or exceptions if you did not complete your CASPer exam and Snapshot by the exam deadline. Please use your NAU email address and check regularly; there may be updates to the exam schedule.

**IMPORTANT:** All exam times are in either Eastern Standard Time (EST) or Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Depending on the time of the year, that would be 2 hours ahead of Arizona time during standard time or 3 hours ahead of Arizona time during daylight savings time. CASPer does not allow late admission to the exam. Please login 10 minutes prior to testing, once the time has started, no one will be allowed to login.

Students are responsible for the cost of the exam, \$52 (\$40 for the exam and \$12 for each program results will be sent to).

Please direct any inquiries on the exam to [support@takecasper.com](mailto:support@takecasper.com). Alternatively, you may use the chat bubble in the bottom right-hand corner of your screen on the takecasper.com website. The CASPer exam is comprised of 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 exam 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 exam structure at takeCASPer.com, and ensure you have a quiet environment to take the exam.

CASPer Snapshot is required. You may complete this prior to your scheduled exam date. However, you will have up to 10 days after the exam to submit your 5-minute video. If you choose to test on the last available CASPer test date, you will need to submit your Snapshot by the deadline, even if it is before the 10 days.

CASPer exam results are valid during the current academic year from August to March. Applicants who have completed the exam within that same academic year will not need to retake the exam. Exam results will be sent directly from CASPer within two weeks of completion.

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