



McGill

School of  
**Physical and Occupational Therapy**

## **FAQ: The CASPer Test for Qualifying Year Admissions**

### *Computer-Based Assessment for Sampling Personal Characteristics*

All applicants to the Qualifying Year to the Master of Sciences (Applied) in Occupational Therapy or Physiotherapy at McGill University's School of Physical & Occupational Therapy (SPOT) are required to complete an online assessment (CASPer – **Canadian Professional Health Sciences / CASPer Sciences de la santé Niveau 2**) to assist with our selection process. Successful completion of CASPer is 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.

#### **Registering & Requirements:**

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. It is expected that all applicants take the CASPer test; however, in exceptional cases with mitigating circumstances, we may consider alternative arrangements with advance notice and documentation.

After you have paid for your Slate application, please go to <https://takealtus.com/casper/> to sign up and reserve a test date. It is important you register using the same name you used to register for Slate. You will also need a piece of government-issued photo ID. There is a fee of \$ 40 for taking CASPer, and an addition charge of \$ 16 for sending the results to the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy at McGill University (fee subject to change). **There are a limited number of testing dates** – all of which take place before the application deadline. SPOT recommends taking the CASPer test as soon as possible.

Tests are designed for given programs – as such, please be sure you are registering for the correct type of CASPer test. The QY only accepts the **Canadian Professional Health Sciences (English) / CASPer Sciences de la santé Niveau 2 (French)** test. Further note that CASPer testing can be done in either official language; however, English and French tests are held on different dates/times. There will be no additional tests scheduled other than what is presently available.

Following completion of the test, the results will be sent to us if you requested this when registering. Please note that applicants who apply to both the undergraduate program (U1) and the Qualifying Year (QY) will need to have their CASPer results sent for each application.

If you did not request the results be disclosed with SPOT, please do so by logging into your CASPer account. Note that there is also a Slate question about CASPer. This is used to assist SPOT in tracking your registration. We will contact you should we not have the results.

### **About the Test:**

The CASPer is divided into 2 sections. The first is the typed response section. In this section, you will be presented with 3 word-based scenarios and 6 video-based scenarios. The second section is the video response section. Here, you will be presented with 2 word-based scenarios and 4 video-based scenarios. Following each scenario, you will be required to answer a set of probing questions under a time constraint. 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 <https://takealtus.com/casper/> and ensure you have a quiet environment to take the test.

**CASPer test results are valid for one admissions cycle** – for example, tests taken between the Summer of 2022 and Winter of 2023 are designated for Fall 2023 entry. **Applicants who have already taken the test in previous years will therefore be expected to re-take it.**

### **Questions:**

Please direct any inquiries about the test to the Altus Support Team. You may use the chat bubble in the bottom right hand corner of your screen on the <https://takealtus.com/casper/> website.

Questions about the QY admissions process are addressed in the QY Admission Guides found on our admission page.