

The CASPer Test - Computer-Based Assessment for Sampling Personal Characteristics

All applicants applying to the Occupational Therapy Graduate Program, at the University of New Mexico are required to complete an online assessment (CASPer), to assist with our selection process for the 2020-2021 Application Cycle.

CASPer is an online test which assesses 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 laptop or desktop computer with webcam and audio capabilities. You will require the following for both account creation and taking the test:

- Government-issued photo ID
- Valid email address
- Working webcam
- Working microphone
- Reliable high-speed internet connection

Please go to www.takeCASPer.com to sign up for the **Professional Health Sciences test (CSP-10101)**, under your specific country (USA), and reserve a test using your **OTCAS ID** and a piece of 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; as there may be updates to the test schedule.

You will be provided with a limited number of testing dates and times based on the admissions timeline and requirements. Please note that these are the only testing dates available for your CASPer test, and you must **select the University of New Mexico Occupational Therapy Graduate Program 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 takecasper.com.

To account for identity verification and payment processing timeline, ensure that you register for your test at least three days before your preferred test date and time. Last-minute bookings are not recommended. If you require testing accommodations for CASPer, 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 CASPer accommodations can be found [here](#).

Please direct any inquiries on the test to support@takecasper.com. Alternatively, you may use the chat bubble in the bottom right hand corner of your screen on the takecasper.com website to speak to a live agent.

The CASPer test is comprised of 12 sections: 8 video-based and 4 word-based scenarios. Following each scenario, you will be required to answer a set of 3 probing questions in 5 minutes or less. Halfway through the test, there is an optional 15-minute break. The test typically takes between 75-90 minutes to complete. Each of the 12 responses are anonymized and scored by a unique rater, giving a robust and reliable impression of your personal and professional characteristics important to our program. No studying is required, however you are encouraged to familiarize yourself with the test format via the System Requirements Check and 12 section practice test prior to taking CASPer. Additional helpful resources are available free of charge at <https://takecasper.com/test-prep/> and <https://takecasper.com/faq/>.

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](#).