The CASPer® Test by Altus Suite

All applicants to the Bachelor of Education – Year 1 and Year 3 at Vancouver Island University are required to complete an online assessment, the CASPer® Test, to be eligible for admission. CASPer® is a 100-120 minute, online assessment that measures different competencies and attributes that we believe are important for successful students and graduates of our program. It is a complement to the Grade Point Average (GPA) calculation 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 and a reliable internet connection with an internet speed of at least 1.5 Mbps and upload speed of at least 2 Mbps. You will require the following for both account creation and completing Altus Suite:

- Government-issued photo ID
- Working webcam with microphone
- Valid email address
- Reliable high-speed internet connection
- Desktop or laptop computer

Please go to www.takealtus.com to register your Altus Suite account and sign up for the CASPer® test CSP-10209 – Canadian Teacher’s Education using a piece of government-issued photo ID and your VIU Student Number, respectively. There is a $40 fee to write the test and an additional $12 for each school you choose to have your results sent to.

Select a CASPer® test date. 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.

Please note that we will NOT be using the SNAPSHOT feature.

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 an Accommodations Request Form signed by you and your qualified professional 3 weeks in advance of your desired test date. The form and more information regarding CASPer® accommodations can be found on the Altus Suite FAQ page.

Please direct any inquiries about the test to support@altus.as. Alternatively, you may reach out to the Altus Suite Support Team through the chat bubble in the bottom right-hand corner of your screen on the www.takealtus.com website or in your Altus Suite account.

CASPer® test results are valid for one admissions cycle. Applicants who have already taken CASPer® in previous years will therefore be expected to re-take it.

Test dates available for the 2022/2023 application cycle are:

Thursday, November 3, 2022 @ 8:00 pm (Eastern Time)
Tuesday, December 6, 2022 @ 8:00 pm (Eastern Time)
Sunday, January 8, 2023 @ 1:00 pm (Eastern Time)
Sunday, February 5, 2023 @ 1:00 pm (Eastern Time)
Tuesday, March 7, 2023 @ 8:00 pm (Eastern Time)