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, CASPer®, to be eligible for admission. CASPer is a 90-minute online test provided by Altus Suites that assesses for the personal and professional characteristics we believe are important for successful students and graduates of our program. It is a complement to the 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. You will require the following to both create an account and take the test:

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

CASPer can be taken practically anywhere that you can satisfy the aforementioned requirements. No exceptions will be provided for applicants who are unable to take CASPer during one of the available test dates. Please go to www.takealtus.com to register your Altus Suite account and sign up for CASPer test Canadian Teacher’s Education 1 (CSP-10209) using a piece of government-issued photo ID and your VIU Student Number, respectively.

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 Bachelor of Education – 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 Dates and Fees at www.takealtus.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 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 2021/2022 application cycle are:

- Thursday, November 4, 2020 @ 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- Tuesday, February 1, 2022 @ 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- Tuesday March 1, 2022 @ 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time