

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

All applicants to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program (BSN) at Vancouver Island University (VIU) are required to complete a 90-minute online assessment (CASPer) to assist with our selection process. Completion of CASPer is a mandatory admission requirement for the BSN program.

CASPer is an online test which assesses for non-cognitive skills and interpersonal characteristics that VIU believes are important for successful students and graduates of our program. Results from the CASPer test will complement Grade Point Average (GPA) 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 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. 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 <http://takeCASPer.com> to sign up and reserve a test using a piece of government-issued photo ID. There is a \$40 fee to write the test and an additional \$12 for each school you choose to have your results sent to. You will be provided with a limited number of testing dates and times. Please note that these are the only testing dates available for the 2020/21 application cycle for the VIU BSN program. There will be no additional tests scheduled. Please use an email address that you check regularly; there may be updates to the test schedule.

Please direct any accommodation requests and general 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. The 'chat' feature will be available after you have created and logged into your account on the CASPer website.

The CASPer test 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 limit. 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 takeCASPer.com, and ensure you have a quiet environment to take the test.

CASPer test results are valid for one admission cycle. Applicants who have taken the test in a previous year will be required to take the test again for subsequent applications.

Test dates available for the 2020/21 application cycle are:

Thursday, October 15, 2020 @ 5 pm EST
Thursday, October 22, 2020 @ 5 pm EST
Tuesday, November 24, 2020 @ 5 pm EST
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 @ 5 pm EST
Thursday, February 11, 2021 @ 5 pm EST
Thursday, February 11, 2021 @ 8 pm EST
Sunday, February 28, 2021 @ 1 pm EST
Sunday, February 28, 2021 @ 4 pm EST