Casper Test

All applicants to the Pennsylvania College of Technology Physician Assistant Program are required to complete a Casper test through Acuity Insights prior to January 15th of the year in which they plan to undergo selection for entry into the professional phase of the program. The Pennsylvania College of Technology Physician Assistant Program does not require applicants to complete Acuity Insights' Duet assessment and does not use Duet results in its selective admission process. Completing Duet has not impact on your Penn College selective ranking.

How to Register for the Casper Test

In order to take Casper, you will need 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 also need the following to create your account and complete the Casper test:

- Government-issued photo ID for account validation
- Valid email address (the same one you will use to submit your application)
- Desktop or laptop computer
- Working webcam
- Working microphone
- Reliable high-speed internet connection

1) Please go to www.acuityinsights.app to create an Acuity Insights account. To register, you will need your **CASPA ID number** or your **9-digit Penn College ID number with a leading zero** and a government-issued photo ID.
2) Once registered, click on "Dates and Fees" and then "Browse test dates and times."
3) Select "United States of America" and choose:
   Physician Assistant (CSP-10101 - U.S. Professional Health Sciences)
4) Choose **Pennsylvania College of Technology** and select your Casper test date. You will be provided with a limited number of test dates and times. These are the only Casper test dates available for Penn College this cycle. Please use an email address that you check regularly and that you have used for your application, in case there are updates to the test schedule.
   - You should **register for your test at least 3 days before your preferred test date and time.** Last-minute bookings are not recommended.
5) Please direct any inquiries regarding Acuity Insights to support@acuityinsights.app.

Accommodations:

Applicants requiring testing accommodations should submit an Initial Request Form (Part 1 and 2) at least four (4) weeks prior to their scheduled Casper test date. More information regarding the accommodations policy can be found in this help article here.

More About Casper:

The Casper test is an open-response, situational judgement test that evaluates applicants on 10 different competencies and attributes that we believe are important for student success. Casper test results complement other tools we use for applicant review and evaluation. In implementing Casper test, we are trying to further enhance fairness and objectivity in our selection process.

The Casper test is divided into two sections (video response and typed response) and 14 scenarios (9 video-based and 5 word-based). The video response section is first. In this section, you will be presented with two word-based scenarios and four video-based scenarios. Each video response scenario has two open-ended questions that are presented one at a time, and test takers have one minute to record each response. For the typed response section, you will be presented with three word-based scenarios and five video-based scenarios. For each of these scenarios, three open-ended questions are presented together, and you have a total of five minutes to respond to all three questions.

Casper progresses from one scenario to the next automatically, and it typically takes 90-110 minutes to complete the entire test. Test takers are provided an optional 10-minute break between the video response and typed response sections and another optional five-minute break halfway through the typed response section.

Each of the 14 scenarios is scored by a different rater. The group of raters reflects the diversity of the population. All raters are extensively trained, put through implicit bias training, vetted, and understand the importance of their work as a rater and the impact it has on an applicant's future. The Acuity Insights team has numerous quality assurance measures in place to ensure the integrity of scores assigned by their raters.

Approximately 2-3 weeks after the test date, the Casper score is sent automatically to the program(s) the applicant selected for distribution. Programs then update application statuses within their individual application portals. Pennsylvania College of Technology does not release Casper test scores to program applicants.

No studying is required for Casper; however, you should prepare for the test by familiarizing yourself with the test format and technical requirements and by reviewing [Preparing for Casper](#) on the Acuity Insights website. We strongly encourage you to take advantage of the 14-scenario sample test, which will not only immerse you in the test environment, but will also ensure you meet the technical requirements to access and complete the test.

Casper test can only be taken once per admission cycle, and the results are only valid for that cycle. Applicants who took Casper test in a previous application cycle will need to re-take Casper in the current application cycle; Penn College cannot use your prior results.