

# The Complete Guide to Medical School Virtual Assessments

How to Ace Casper, Duet, Snapshot, Kira, and PREview



# Ace Your Virtual Assessments

As virtual assessments and interviews become the new norm, it's important to know how to ace the latest evaluations. The most commonly required virtual assessment is Acuity Insights (previously known the Altus Suite) - consisting of Casper, Snapshot, and Duet. In addition, some schools are now requiring other virtual assessments including the Kira Talent interview and AAMC PREview.

These assessments test soft skills, like the solidity of your values, your interpersonal competencies, and your situational judgment. As such, it can be hard to know how to prepare for them. This guide seeks to dispel the myths and misconceptions surrounding virtual evaluations, putting you on a fast track to admissions success. We'll teach you everything you need to know about Acuity Insights, as well as about Kira and AAMC PREview, so you can confidently showcase your interpersonal skills and secure your place in medical school.



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# Acuity Insights

## Prove Your People Skills

### What is Acuity Insights?

Acuity Insights consists of three separate exams:

- The Casper exam, a situational judgment tested centered around written and video scenarios
- Snapshot, a video interview tool which helps the admissions committee evaluate your communication skills and motivation
- Duet, a personal values assessment consisting of a brief series of questions

### When do applicants take Acuity Insights during the application season?

Each school has a particular deadline of when Acuity Insights needs to be taken, typically in the Fall. However, you should plan on completing Acuity Insights around the time of submission of your primary application in order to have it done well ahead of time and to ensure your full application is not delayed. The Duet and Snapshot exams are available once you register for Acuity Insights, **and should definitely be completed within 14 days of completion of the Casper exam.** This will ensure that all of your assessments will be available together for review by admissions committees.

### Do applicants have to take all three parts of Acuity Insights?

Each school has different requirements regarding which aspects of the Acuity Insights an applicant must complete. However, the components can only be taken one time per application cycle, so it is recommended that you take all three components. That way, you will have all three components completed and won't be missing a test if a school you apply to does require it.

### How are Acuity exams scored?

For Casper, raters working at Acuity will evaluate each question. For Snapshot, specially trained raters at the programs where you are applying will rate the exam. For Duet, schools will receive an automatic report based on your alignment with the school's rankings.

### How much does Acuity Insights cost?

It costs \$12 to register for Acuity Insights and then an additional \$12 for each school results are sent to. Applicants can always send results to more schools at any time during the application cycle for an additional \$12 apiece, so you do not need to know exactly which schools you are applying to prior to taking the tests.

If the cost of applying to medical school is becoming prohibitively high for you and your family, [see if you qualify for the AAMC's Fee Assistance Program.](#)





## What Medical Schools Require Acuity Insights?

The following is the current list of US allopathic medical schools that require an Acuity Insights assessment. Note that some of these schools require all three Acuity Insights assessments (Casper, Duet, and Snapshot), while others only require Casper.

CO	University of Colorado School of Medicine
CT	Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University
FL	Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University
FL	University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine
GA	Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University
IL	Rush Medical College of Rush University Medical Center
IL	University of Illinois College of Medicine
IL	Indiana University School of Medicine
IN	Boston University School of Medicine
MA	Michigan State University College of Human Medicine
MI	Wake Forest School of Medicine of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
NC	Rutgers, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
NJ	Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell
NY	New York Medical College
NY	State University of New York Upstate Medical University
NY	Stony Brook University School of Medicine
NY	Northeast Ohio Medical University
OH	Drexel University College of Medicine
PA	Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
PA	Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine
PA	East Tennessee State University James H. Quillen College of Medicine
TN	Meharry Medical College
TN	Baylor College of Medicine
TX	McGovern Medical School at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
TX	Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine
TX	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Paul L. Foster School of Medicine
TX	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine
TX	The University of Texas at Tyler School of Medicine
TX	The University of Texas at Tyler School of Medicine
TX	University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine
TX	University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Southwestern Medical School
VA	Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine
VT	University of Vermont College of Medicine
WA	University of Washington School of Medicine
WI	Medical College of Wisconsin
WV	Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

## Can Acuity Insights be retaken?

The exam can only be taken once per application cycle. That means that a student's first attempt at Acuity Insights will also be their last during a given application cycle. Medical schools know this, so unlike the MCAT where they may be expecting you to retake the test if your score isn't as high as you want, with Acuity Insights, you only get one chance. That means preparation is key. How schools use the exam results is still not entirely clear – each admissions committee probably uses the evaluation in slightly different ways. Regardless, when it comes to Acuity, the best policy is to focus on preparing well the first time!

If you're wondering how to prepare for Casper, check out the all-in-one Casper prep tool from MedSchoolCoach. Included is:

- a condensed mini-course that explains key characteristics of Casper
- 2 simulated Casper exams, complete with video scenarios and text-based responses,
- a 45-minute feedback session with a physician advisor who has served on a medical school admissions committee

## If I took Acuity last application cycle, do I have to retake it?

Acuity Insights is valid for one application cycle. This means that if you took the exam during a previous application cycle, you will need to retake it for the current cycle.

This might seem like a hassle, especially if you scored well last time around. However, Acuity only holds scores for one year. Therefore, for each new application cycle, you will need to retake the exam regardless of your previous score.

## What is the best way to prepare for Acuity Insights?

Acuity is not something that you have to prepare for months in advance like the MCAT. You should practice and familiarize yourself with the assessment, but you don't have to memorize specific content or topics.

However, preparation is still possible. We've broken down each of the subsections of the exam to give you a bit more clarity on how to prepare and what you can do to succeed in each one!

# The Casper Exam

## Ace This Situational Judgement Test

### What is the Casper Exam?

Casper (Computer-based Assessment for Sampling Personal Characteristics) is an online, web-based computer test that takes about 100-120 minutes to complete. It was first utilized in Canada but now has been incorporated by many United States allopathic and osteopathic medical schools. Casper helps schools screen applicants as part of the admissions process.



### What's on the Casper Exam?

Casper has two sections. The first is a video response section. This consists of two word-based scenarios and four video-based scenarios. After each of these scenarios, test-takers will record a video response to two open-ended questions, presented one at a time. For each of these video responses, you will have 10 seconds to read the question and then one minute to record your response.

The second section of Casper is the typed response section. This consists of three word-based and five video-based scenarios. After each of these scenarios, test-takers will be presented with three open-ended questions. You will have five minutes total to type your response to all three questions before moving on to the next scenario.



## What is Casper designed to evaluate?

Casper assesses your communication skills, problem solving ability, empathy, ethical decision making, along with other similar qualities. Most of the hypothetical scenarios represent situations you could encounter in day-to-day life, and the question assesses how you would respond to those situations. Some Casper questions are designed to gauge your personality traits and may assess your motivation, self-awareness, resilience, or response to challenges.



## Will I receive my Casper score?

Acuity does not share the Casper score with applicants but does share quartiles, which helps applicants understand how they did compared to other applicants. Each question on the Casper assessment is scored compared to how other applicants did, so scoring in a low quartile doesn't mean an applicant failed, it just means others typically did better on that assessment. Quartiles represent your scoring on the typed answers only, not the video responses. Each medical school will view quartiles differently and in conjunction with your entire application. So just because you scored in a lower quartile, it doesn't necessarily mean you won't get accepted to medical school. Your application consists of many parts, and Casper likely does not carry as much weight as factors like GPA and MCAT score

## How to study for Casper?

Acuity Insights claims that Casper is not a test you can study for. In fact, their website says that the Casper test is “relatively immune to coaching.” However, in our experience, students who take Casper tend to do worse if they don't take the time to build familiarity with the test format, the expectations of the graders, and basic ethical principles. You certainly don't want to head into the Casper exam “cold” – that is, without any prior exposure to what the test looks like. Other applicants will have spent time familiarizing themselves with the format, which means you might end up ranking below them if you don't prepare.

To give you an upper hand, we at MedSchoolCoach have built a comprehensive, all-in-one Casper prep tool. Designed by former admissions committee members and expert physician advisors, this resource will give you the ethical know-how and expert insight to approach your Casper exam with confidence.

Included in our Casper coaching tool is:

- a condensed mini-course that explains key characteristics of Casper
- 2 simulated Casper exams, complete with proprietary video and text-based scenarios
- a 45-minute feedback session with a physician advisor who has served on a medical school admissions committee.

Regardless of whether you choose to invest in Casper coaching, the following pages will provide you a brief introduction to decision making and ethics, so that you have a basis in these areas to help you during the exam. In addition, we will take you through a few sample scenarios to give you an idea of what to expect.

## What are the ethical principles tested on the Casper exam?

The Casper exam is designed to test your ability to make appropriate decisions and use sound judgment. A lot of your decision making capabilities are based on who you are as a person and your values, but there are some core principles that we will cover that you can consider when making important decisions. As you move along your medical training, you will be immersed further into the fundamentals of ethical decision making, and how it relates to your practice as a physician and your patients. For now, let's cover the basics and discuss how you can utilize these for Casper! Here are four principles of medical ethics:

### 1. Autonomy

**Definition:** The principle of autonomy refers to an individual's right to make decisions for themselves. Though there are many complexities to this principle, the key is that decisions made by individuals should be done so without coercion or undue influence.

**Example:** If a patient is deciding to have a particular medical treatment, it is the physician's responsibility to educate the patient on the procedure, and its associated risks and benefits, however it is the patient's choice to have the procedure or not. The physician may not pressure the patient, or force him/her to have the procedure.

**Applying this Casper:** Many Casper scenarios will not be medically related but have to do with everyday situations that people may face. During the exam, you can utilize the principle of autonomy by never forcing or demanding an individual to make a decision. Instead, you can educate, encourage, and help them to a particular decision.

## 2. Beneficence

**Definition:** Beneficence is the ultimate principle of practicing as a physician. This is always trying to do good for patients. This principle implies that a physician will always work in the best interest of the patient.

**Example:** A patient needs an operation. There are two ways that a physician can perform the operation and the physician must choose which procedure is best. One way that the physician can determine the course of action is to pick the procedure that is intended to provide the most benefit, while minimizing harm to the patient.

**Applying this Casper:** Similar to working in the patient's best interest, try to always answer the question in the best interest of the individual that is the subject of the scenario. If there is a way that you can help or assist the individual, then that is always the best course of action.

## 3. Non-Maleficence

**Definition:** *'First, do no harm.'* Most pre-meds have heard this excerpt from the Hippocratic oath and this is really what the principle of nonmaleficence embodies. Physicians should never harm their patients. This principle goes hand in hand with beneficence as physicians should always work in the best interest of their patients while not causing harm.

**Example:** A patient comes to the doctor's office for symptoms of the common cold and wants antibiotics. The physician does not believe antibiotics will help the patient. Although the patient wants the medicine, the physician does not provide them because taking the medication could actually cause harm by unnecessary side effects.

**Applying this Casper:** Use non-maleficence along with beneficence. As you are trying to help the individual in the scenario make the best decision, try to help them with a decision that will also not hurt them.

## 4. Justice

**Definition:** Justice is the fourth principle of medical ethics but is likely the one that is most obscure for the Casper exam. Justice, in a medical setting, refers to the equal treatment of every individual.

**Example:** An emergency room physician is seeing patients and a homeless patient without medical insurance comes in for care. Using the principle of justice, the physician must see the patient and treat him regardless of his socioeconomic status and lack of insurance.

**Applying this Casper:** Think of treating every individual fairly. For instance, if the scenario involves resolving conflict between multiple people, treat them equally and do not give preference to one individual.

## How to Apply Ethical Principles to Casper

Now that you're aware of some of the basic principles of ethical decision-making, both in medicine and otherwise, let's examine how you might apply those principles as you work your way through the Casper exam.

In the following sections, we'll provide some sample ethical dilemmas of the type you might see on Casper. Then we'll outline the best way to analyze and respond to each scenario in terms of the ethical principles we discussed. We'll also show you some sample responses for each scenario, so you have a better idea of the sort of writing you can expect to do in your own Casper exam.



## Casper Scenario & Response - Example #1

**Scenario:** A co-worker of yours calls in sick but when looking at Facebook, you notice that she has posted a current picture of herself at the beach.

Let's think through the issues here and use our decision-making process to help formulate our response:

**1 First, take a second to review the scenario.**

**2 Understand the issue at hand.** The issue here is honesty. You have identified a situation where your co-worker is potentially caught lying as she called into work sick, but posted a picture of herself at the beach.

**3 Get more information.** Though it seems she is being dishonest, perhaps this was an older photo that she just posted? Or perhaps she asked your boss if she could use a sick day. There could be other explanations here than her just lying about being sick.

**4 Determine the course of action.** Think about how you would respond to a situation like this and incorporate our ethics lesson. Autonomy: Remember your co-worker is able to make decisions for herself. Beneficence: Who does her actions benefit? Likely they only benefit her and considering non-maleficence, her actions can potentially harm others as they may have to work more to account for her being away. Justice: Imagine if everybody lied and used their sick days for a beach day instead. Then the entire company would have an undue burden/workload.

**5 Write it out.** Let's look at how this may be written out in a response!

Let's see how our analysis could potentially be written out as a response during a Casper exam:

**What is your greatest concern here?**

Given the information in the prompt, it appears as though my co-worker may not actually be sick, but instead lied to her employer and went to the beach. My concern is her being dishonest and how this can potentially affect her and her co-workers.

**Do you approach your co-worker about this?**

Though I am certainly concerned about her possible dishonest behavior, whether or not I would approach her would depend on my relationship with her and how comfortable I feel discussing the situation with her. For instance, if she was also a friend, then I may discuss her behavior and how this could potentially affect her work and the entire company. However, if she was someone that I have never talked to, I may not discuss the situation with her, understanding that she is able to make her own decisions and I may not be the appropriate person to bring this up with her.

**If you keep seeing her taking sick days, would you tell your boss about this?**

If I noticed that my co-worker continued to take time away from work, I may approach my boss about the situation. I would first consider how her being away from work is harming the co-workers and/or the company. If I notice that our productivity has decreased or others have had to take on substantially more work, then I think it may be a good idea to bring this up with my boss so he/she can make the determination on how my co-worker may be affecting the group.

## Casper Scenario & Response - Example #2

**Scenario:** You are working in a research lab. One of your peers didn't finish his work on his project in time, and tells you he made up his results and submitted them to the principal investigator.

### What do you do?

First, I would show sympathy to my peer's situation. I understand he is under pressure to complete his project and this may seem like the best solution so he does not get in trouble with his principal investigator. However, I would talk to him and tell him that I do not believe it is appropriate to make up results. I would then talk to him to see if there is anything I can do to help him expedite his project so he could get real results to report.

### How could this situation have been avoided?

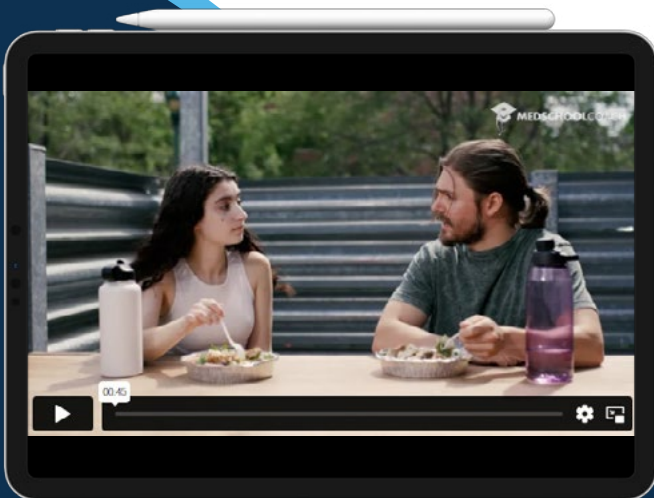
Though I may have limited involvement in my peer's project, I could have been more proactive with checking in on him. It may have been helpful to ask him if he needs any help or if anything was going on that is impeding his progress.

### Do you tell your principal investigator?

I would first talk to my peer and try to develop a solution. For instance, can we work together to get the project finished? Could we possibly talk to our principal investigator to see if we could have more time? I would encourage my peer to talk to the principal investigator himself first. If he does not feel comfortable doing so, I would offer my support to talk to the principal investigator with him. If he insists on reporting the false results, then I would feel obligated to talk to the principal investigator myself as this could jeopardize the integrity of our entire lab.

## Can I see a sample Casper video scenario?

Yes! Head to [medschoolcoach.com/medical-school-casper-preparation](https://medschoolcoach.com/medical-school-casper-preparation) to [see a sample video scenario](#) from our Casper prep tool. Watch it to get a sense of what to expect on the day of your Casper exam.



# Snapshot

## Let Your Personality and Motivation Shine

### What is Snapshot?

Snapshot is part of the Acuity Insights and should be considered an extension of the Casper situational judgment test. It is a ten minute exercise available only to applicants who have registered or completed the Casper. Remember, you should take Duet and Snapshot within 14 days of completing Casper so that admissions committees receive all of these materials at once.

Snapshot is an opportunity to “put a face” on your Casper responses. It is a video response tool which helps the admissions committee evaluate your communication skills and motivation. You are given three standardized questions with 30 seconds to reflect on the question. Following each question, you are allotted a two minute video response. You can stop the video before two minutes.

### Can the answers be reviewed and/or re-recorded in Snapshot?

Acuity Insights requires you to complete a practice question and response before proceeding to the actual exam. You are able to complete the practice as many times as you would like. However, once you get into the actual exam, you only get one shot! This means the applicant has one chance to record their response and it will automatically be submitted once finished. They cannot review it or change it. That is why practicing makes all the difference. Be comfortable in front of the camera at all times. Prepare with mock interviews. Make sure your lighting is good!



## How can I prepare for Snapshot?

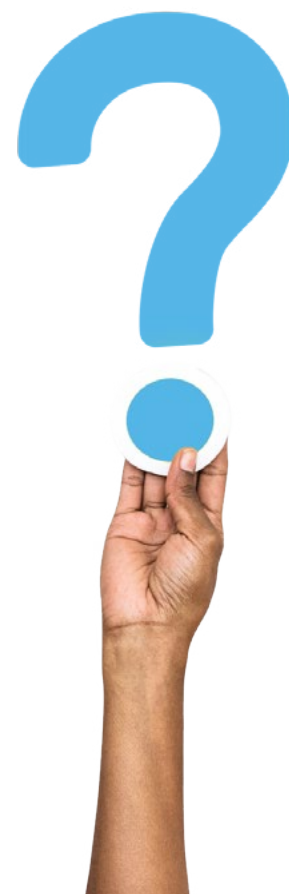
The best way to prepare is to practice delivering two-minute responses to typical interview questions. You should record your answers so you can watch them back and look for ways to improve.

If you're looking to build confidence for your Snapshot exam or upcoming interviews, MedSchoolCoach can help. We offer interview prep services, including a practice Snapshot exam followed by a detailed feedback session with a physician advisor or former admissions committee member. We conduct over 5,000 hours of interview prep per year, so we know what it takes for you to stand out. That's why over 98% of students feel more confident after practicing with us.

## What are some common Snapshot questions?

Common Snapshot questions include:

- Why do you want to be a physician?
- What is one of your greatest strengths?
- Why should you be admitted to medical school?
- Tell us about someone you admire and why.
- Describe a non-academic obstacle that you have overcome.
- What excites you about a career as a physician?



# Duet

## See How Your Values Align With Your Top Schools

### What is Duet?

Duet is the latest addition to Acuity Insights enabling institutions to “match” with applicants. Duet can help admissions committees narrow down applicants based on shared characteristics, values, and educational goals.



### How does Duet work?

This component of the Acuity Insights is composed of a series of questions requiring about 15 minutes to complete. Schools submit their own complete questionnaire and generate a “fit profile”. Applicants complete the same assessment by describing their own personal preferences and characteristics. Designated programs receive applicant “fit scores” and rankings. Duet compliments the Casper results to identify the best applicants for that specific school.

## How can I prepare for Duet?

Prior to taking Duet, you should read through the various mission statements of the medical schools you are applying to. While reading the mission statements, take notes on important aspects of the school and areas of particular interest to you.

As Duet only looks at specific applicant values versus the school's values, you do not need to 'rehearse' answers, rather you should fully consider various aspects of a medical education that are important to you.

Here are top things you should consider:

- Research initiatives
- Early patient exposure
- Problem-based learning
- Case-based learning
- Community outreach
- Diversity and inclusivity
- Student wellness
- Faculty relations
- and approachability

# Kira Talent Interview

## Conquer This Q&A Session

### What is the Kira Talent Interview?

Kira consists of either a live interview or an asynchronous interview, the latter being a one-way recording, similar to Snapshot. You will not know the questions beforehand but will be given them at the time of the exam. Then, you will have a limited time to record an answer.

### How can I prepare for the Kira Talent Interview?

The best way to prepare for Kira is to record yourself answering interview questions, similar to how you would prepare for Snapshot. The goal with both Kira and Snapshot is to assess how you present yourself, how you think 'on your feet,' and to get a sense of your personality.

Similar to Snapshot, here are some questions to think about while preparing:

- Why do you want to be a physician?
- What is one of your greatest strengths?
- Why should you be admitted to medical school?
- Tell us about someone you admire and why?
- Describe a non-academic obstacle that you have overcome.
- What excites you about a career as a physician?



## Which medical schools require Kira Talent?

Currently, the only US allopathic medical school that requires the Kira Talent Interview is University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine.

## How can I maximize my chances of success for my Kira Talent Interview?

If you're looking to maximize your chances of success, you could also invest in MedSchoolCoach interview prep services. Our physician advisors have helped thousands of students get into medical school and have logged over 500,000 advising hours total. They can deliver the expert insights and coaching you need to ace your Kira Talent Interview and get the acceptances you deserve.



# AAMC PREview

## Think Like a Med Student

### What is PREview?

The AAMC has created a few online virtual assessments. First was the SJT and then VITA. In 2022, they introduced PREview which replaces its previous exams. PREview consists of several hypothetical scenarios designed to evaluate several core competencies related to professionalism.

These eight core competencies are:

1. Service Orientation
2. Social Skills
3. Cultural Competence
4. Teamwork
5. Ethical Responsibility to Self and Others
6. Resilience and Adaptability
7. Reliability and Dependability
8. Capacity for Improvement

### What is the format for PREview?

The exam presents written hypothetical scenarios related to healthcare, educational settings or other potential experiences of a medical student. After each scenario, several action items (possible responses to the situation) will be listed. The examinee will then have to rank each action based on its effectiveness.

There are 30 scenarios and 186 items total on the exam. It takes about 75 minutes to complete these scenarios and items, but with check in, instructions, and options at the end, examinees can expect to spend around 90-105 minutes total on the exam

## When is PREview taken?

The test is available between June to September of the application year you are applying in. The exam can only be taken once during the application year, similar to Acuity. Only students who are applying to a school requiring it or recommending it are able to take the exam

## Does PREview cost money?

Yes. It costs \$100 and that includes distribution to all schools requiring or recommending it on your school list.

## What do I need to do to get ready for PREview?

There are many technical requirements for the exam and you should *read the AAMC instruction manual* thoroughly before sitting for the exam.

## How is PREview scored?

Your responses are ranked according to how closely they align with those of medical educators' ranking. Your total score is scaled to account for exam variations and you are given a score between 1 (the lowest) and 9 (the highest). A score of 9 means you are perfectly aligned with those of medical educators, and a score less than that means your responses are aligned less with those of medical educators. A confidence band is also presented to account for test variability and to aid in interpretation of where your true score likely lies. Percentile ranks are also reported which help to position your performance amongst other applicants

## How do I report my PREview score?

Your scores will automatically be added to your AMCAS application meaning your scores will be automatically reported to MD schools.

## How do I prepare for PREview?

The AAMC provides lots of free resources to applicants to prepare for the exam. [Learn about AAMC prep materials and sample questions.](#) PREview assesses whether you're able to make decisions based on certain competencies and principles, so reviewing the medical ethics section found earlier in this guidebook will also help you prepare!

If you're really looking to take your PREview prep to the next level, you can also check out our Casper prep tool. This includes:

- 2 simulated Casper exams, complete with video scenarios and text-based responses
- A 45-minute feedback session with a physician advisor who has served on a medical school admissions committee.

Though this resource is Casper-specific, it can help you develop the ethical know-how to approach PREview with poise and confidence. By working with physician experts, you'll gain an insider's understanding of what the test-writers and Admissions Committees are truly looking for in your responses.

## What Schools Require PREview?

The following is the current list of US allopathic medical schools that require the AAMC's PREview assessment:

- University of Alabama School of Medicine ☐
- University of California, Davis, School of Medicine
- University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine
- Howard University College of Medicine
- Mercer University School of Medicine
- Morehouse School of Medicine
- University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine
- Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
- University of Louisville School of Medicine
- Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine
- Saint Louis University School of Medicine
- Cooper Medical School of Rowan University
- University of Oklahoma College of Medicine
- Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine
- Universidad Central del Caribe School of Medicine
- University of Utah School of Medicine
- University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

# Conquer Your Assessments with These Tips

Now let's dive into some closing thoughts on how to conquer the virtual assessment portion of your medical school application. Although these evaluations are an important part of getting into medical school, they are *not the most important*. No matter what you end up scoring, stay focused on moving forward with your application!

1. Make sure you know which schools require which test and when. Get the tests done as early in the application cycle as possible so that you don't delay your application.
2. Wherever you take the exam (in your room, office, library, etc) be sure to test your internet connection, lighting, sound and camera. You don't want to have your internet go out when you are recording an answer! Also, be sure you are not disturbed or interrupted during the test.
3. Dress professional! The recordings should really be from about your shoulders up but be sure to have a professional shirt on and your hair/make-up styled appropriately. Also, make sure your background is free of distractions and is professional!
4. Remember to practice recording yourself! It may seem easy but record and review practice responses. You may be surprised to see things you may do that you have no idea about! (*i.e. swiveling in your chair, messing with your hair, etc*).



# Assessment Requirements of US Allopathic Schools

State	Medical School	Assessments Required?	Assessment Name
AL	University of Alabama School of Medicine	Yes	AAMC PREview
AL	University of South Alabama College of Medicine	No	
AR	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine	No	
AZ	University of Arizona College of Medicine	No	
AZ	University of Arizona College of Medicine - Phoenix	No	
CA	California Northstate University College of Medicine	No	
CA	California University of Science and Medicine-School of Medicine	Yes	School-specific assessment
CA	Charles R Drew University of Medicine and Science	No	
CA	Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine	No	
CA	Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California	No	
CA	Loma Linda University School of Medicine	No	
CA	Stanford University School of Medicine	No	
CA	University of California, Davis, School of Medicine	Yes	AAMC PREview
CA	University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine	Yes	Kira talent standardized video interview
CA	University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine	Yes	AAMC PREview
CA	University of California, Riverside School of Medicine	No	
CA	University of California, San Diego School of Medicine	No	
CA	University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine	No	
CO	University of Colorado School of Medicine	Yes	Acuity Insights (including Casper)

State	Medical School	Assessments Required?	Assessment Name
CT	Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University	Yes	Casper
CT	University of Connecticut School of Medicine	No	
CT	Yale School of Medicine	No	
DC	Georgetown University School of Medicine	No	
DC	George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences	Yes	PreView
DC	Howard University College of Medicine	Yes	AAMC PREview
FL	Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University	Yes	Casper
FL	Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine	No	
FL	Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine	No	
FL	Florida State University College of Medicine	No	
FL	Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine	No	
FL	University of Central Florida College of Medicine	No	
FL	University of Florida College of Medicine	No	
FL	University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine	Yes	Casper
FL	USF Health Morsani College of Medicine	No	
GA	Emory University School of Medicine	No	
GA	Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University	Yes	Casper
GA	Mercer University School of Medicine	Yes	AAMC PREview
GA	Morehouse School of Medicine	Yes	AAMC PREview
HI	University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine	Yes	AAMC PREview
IA	University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine	No	
IL	Carle Illinois College of Medicine	Yes	PREview
IL	Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science	Yes	PREview
IL	Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine	No	
IL	Florida State University College of Medicine	No	

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IL	Northwestern University The Feinberg School of Medicine	No	
IL	Rush Medical College of Rush University Medical Center	Yes	Casper
IL	Rush Medical College of Rush University Medical Center	Yes	Duet
IL	Southern Illinois University School of Medicine	Yes	AAMC PREview
IL	University of Chicago Division of the Biological Sciences The Pritzker School of Medicine		
IL	University of Illinois College of Medicine	Yes	Acuity Insights (including Casper)
KS	University of Kansas School of Medicine	Yes	Casper
KY	University of Kentucky College of Medicine		
KY	University of Louisville School of Medicine		
LA	Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans	Yes	AAMC PREview
LA	Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport	No	
LA	Tulane University School of Medicine	No	
LA	Tulane University School of Medicine	No	
MA	Boston University School of Medicine	Yes	Casper
MA	Harvard Medical School	No	
MA	Tufts University School of Medicine	No	
MA	University of Massachusetts Medical School	Yes	PREview
MD	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine	No	
MD	Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine	No	
MI	University of Maryland School of Medicine	No	
MI	Central Michigan University College of Medicine	No	
MI	Michigan State University College of Human Medicine	Yes	Acuity Insights or PREview
MI	Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine	Yes	AAMC PREview
MI	University of Michigan Medical School	No	
MI	Wayne State University School of Medicine	No	

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MI	Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine	Yes	School-specific assessment & phone interview
MN	Mayo Clinic School of Medicine	No	
MN	University of Minnesota Medical School	No	
MO	Saint Louis University School of Medicine	Yes	AAMC PREview
MO	University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine	No	
MO	University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine	No	
MO	Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine	Yes	School-specific assessment
MO	University of Mississippi School of Medicine	No	
NC	Duke University School of Medicine	No	
NC	The Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University	No	
NC	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine	No	
NC	Wake Forest School of Medicine of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center	Yes	Casper
ND	University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences	No	
NC	Wake Forest School of Medicine of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center	Yes	Casper
ND	University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences	No	
NE	Creighton University School of Medicine	No	
NE	University of Nebraska College of Medicine	No	
NH	Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth	No	
NJ	Cooper Medical School of Rowan University	Yes	AAMC PREview
NJ	Rutgers New Jersey Medical School	No	
NJ	Rutgers, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School	Yes	Casper
NJ	Rutgers, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School	Yes	PREview
NJ	Seton Hall - Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine	No	
NM	University of New Mexico School of Medicine	No	
NV	University of Nevada Las Vegas, School of Medicine	No	

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NV	University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine	No	
NY	Albany Medical College	No	
NY	Albert Einstein College of Medicine	No	
NY	Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons	No	
NY	CUNY School of Medicine	No	
NY	Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell	Yes	Casper
NY	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai	No	
NY	Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo	No	
NY	New York Medical College	Yes	Casper
NY	New York University Grossman School of Medicine		
NY	NYU Long Island School of Medicine	No	
NY	State University of New York Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine	No	
NY	State University of New York Upstate Medical University	Yes	Casper
NY	Stony Brook University School of Medicine	Yes	Casper
NY	University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry	No	
NY	Weill Cornell Medicine	No	
OH	Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine	No	
OH	Northeast Ohio Medical University	Yes	Casper
OH	Ohio State University College of Medicine	No	
OH	The University of Toledo College of Medicine	No	
OH	University of Cincinnati College of Medicine	No	
OH	Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine	No	
OK	University of Oklahoma College of Medicine	No	
OR	Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine	No	
PA	Drexel University College of Medicine	Yes	Casper
PA	Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine	Yes	AAMC PREview

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PA	Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University	Yes	Casper
PA	Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine	Yes	Casper
PA	Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania	No	
PA	Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University	No	
PA	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine	No	
PA	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine	No	
PR	Ponce Health Sciences University School of Medicine	No	
PR	San Juan Bautista School of Medicine	No	
PR	Universidad Central del Caribe School of Medicine	Yes	AAMC PREview
PR	University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine	No	
PR	The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown	No	
SC	Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine	No	
SC	University of South Carolina School of Medicine	No	
SC	University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville	No	
SD	University of South Dakota, Sanford School of Medicine	No	
TN	East Tennessee State University James H. Quillen College of Medicine	Yes	Acuity Insights (Including Casper)
TN	Meharry Medical College	Yes	Casper
TN	University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine	No	
TN	Vanderbilt University School of Medicine	No	
TX	Anne Burnett Marion School of Medicine at TCU	No	
TX	Baylor College of Medicine	Yes	Casper
TX	McGovern Medical School at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Yes	Casper
TX	Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine	Yes	Casper

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TX	Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine	Yes	School-specific assessment
TX	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Paul L. Foster School of Medicine	Yes	Casper
TX	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine	Yes	Casper
TX	The University of Texas at Tyler School of Medicine	Yes	Casper
TX	The University of Texas at Tyler School of Medicine	Yes	Duet
TX	University of Houston College of Medicine	No	
TX	University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School	No	
TX	University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine	Yes	Casper
TX	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine	No	
TX	University of Texas School of Medicine at San Antonio	Yes	School-specific assessment
TX	University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Southwestern Medical School	Yes	Casper
UT	University of Utah School of Medicine	No	
UT	University of Utah School of Medicine	No	
VA	Eastern Virginia Medical School	No	
VA	University of Virginia School of Medicine	Yes	Casper
VA	Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	No	
VT	University of Vermont College of Medicine	Yes	Casper
WA	University of Washington School of Medicine	Yes	Casper
WA	Washington State University Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine	No	
WI	Medical College of Wisconsin	Yes	Casper
WI	University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health	Yes	AAMC PREview
WV	Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine	Yes	Casper
WV	West Virginia University School of Medicine	No	



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