

# Common mistakes to avoid as a Practicode student.

## Assuming practicode will be easy.

It's a mistake to assume that completing Practicode will be easy. Practicode is an immersive, comprehensive coding program testing learners on cases that they may never have seen or coded.

TIP: Take your time and at least attempt to code a case, while a perfect score is not required, a legitimate attempt needs to be made.



## Ignoring Practicode's technical requirements.

Practicode uses specialized terminology related to coding metrics. Successful learners take the time to become familiar with these terms to better understand their performance data and platform expectations. Click here to review the Practicode glossary.



## Losing motivation.

This is especially easy for learners with personal and professional commitments. It can be hard to stay motivated when your plate feels full. Keep the end goal in mind. Make sure to surround yourself with people who remind you what you're working towards. Reaching out to the Practicode team can help as well.



## Thinking you'll get away with cheating.

Get help instead. Although it may seem easy to try, cheating has serious consequences for the learner. Rather than trying to cheat the system, learners who get the most out of Practicode hold themselves to high standards and aren't afraid to ask for help if they need assistance.



## Not creating a dedicated study space.

Practicode can be used from any location with a computer and strong internet access, however, learners often work best in a dedicated, organized space. Whether it's a desk in your room, a kitchen table, or coffee house, try to establish a dedicated study space to make the most of your time and lessen distractions.



## Believing you're on your own.

For the fastest help with a case, use the Post Coded Notes (PCN) section inside the platform. You can also email [practicode@aapc.com](mailto:practicode@aapc.com), but PCN is the quickest way to get support.



## Procrastination on starting and completing practicode.

It's easy to lose track of time and let coding cases in Practicode sneak up on you. Creating a framework for time management helps you work in an efficient manner and balance Practicode with other responsibilities.

