

PRACTICE ACCOUNT: USAGE TIPS

What is a practice account and how does it work?

We know there are counselors, teachers, advisors, and parents who work with applicants and want to see the applicant experience without being considered for admission by colleges. By creating a practice account, you'll be able to follow the full student experience up to submission. Practice accounts help you understand exactly what your students see without making colleges think that you're a real applicant.

For whom are practice accounts designed?

Anyone who wants to get to know and explore the CommonApp, but does not intend to submit an application for admission.

Is a practice account different than a student account?

A practice account will show you the same information as a student account. The process, look and feel, and information is the same. The only difference is that a practice account cannot be submitted to a college or university.

Can I submit applications with my practice account?

No, applications in practice accounts cannot be submitted. You will, however, be able to view a preview PDF of your application, as well as a detailed video tutorial illustrating the submission process.

Help! I'm a student! Can I change my practice account to an applicant account?

Yes. To change your account type, simply email our Solutions Center at: appsupport@commonapp.net. In your message, please specify your full name, date of birth, and that you want to change your practice account to an applicant account.

I created a practice account to see the Common App, but I'm also going to be completing recommendations through the Common App. Will creating a practice account affect my recommender account?

All recommenders can have both a recommender account and a practice account. However, if you would like to invite yourself as a recommender within your practice account, you will need to use a different email address for your practice account than the one used for your recommender account.