

Experience of a student on the ApL course

Practical Accounting for Small and Medium Enterprises **Learn it an easy way**



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Crystal He, a fourth-former at Delia Memorial School (Hip Wo), is now taking the HKIAAT Applied Learning (ApL) course “Practical Accounting for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)”. “We could choose between the ApL course in accounting and a course in hotel management. My mother advised me that accountancy is a stable and promising career, so I decided to go for the accounting option.” Crystal explains.

Every week Crystal and her classmates attend classes at the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Lee Wai Lee). At the beginning, she thought that there would be a lot of calculations and was worried that she might not be able to handle them. But, “It’s much easier than I had thought!” she says. Crystal thinks that the course blends theory perfectly with practice, teaching students the popular accounting software MYOB. “By practising how to use MYOB, we are able to understand abstract accounting theories. With the help of explanation from the dedicated teachers, we are able to handle the course materials without trouble.” Crystal likes the practical MYOB session the most as she finds it interesting to learn through practice. Furthermore, regular coursework and tests keep her well aware of her learning progress. As she starts to get ready for the mid-term exam in June, Crystal is feeling confident. “Being confident is the key to success!” she adds.



Crystal said that the application of MYOB can arouse students’ interests in learning.

Crystal also studies other business subjects at school and she believes that this course can add synergistic effects to her study, deepening her understanding of business organizations. Since starting this course, Crystal says her personal financial management has improved. “Now I record my daily expenditure so I know where my money goes.”

Crystal is not only smart but also has music talent: she is a member of the school’s choir and orchestra. Going to karaoke, reading comics and surfing the net are some of her other interests. Crystal is very fond of kids and so she would like to do something related to early childhood education in the future. Taking this ApL course has added an extra dimension to her career options. “During the current situation in which companies are being shut down and jobs are being cut, an



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accounting career is attractive as it is relatively stable. I may give it a try after graduation if the opportunity arises. But even if I do not join the industry, I believe the knowledge gained from this ApL course will definitely be of use in any business area.”