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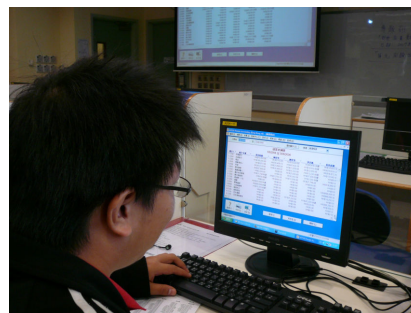
Applied Learning course – Practical Accounting for SMEs Career goal: the accounting profession



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Fanny Yau is a Form Five student studying in Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – C. Y. Ma Memorial College. She loves mathematics and dreams of becoming an accountant. She understands the importance of having a solid accounting foundation and wants to know the wide application of accounting software in today's business community. Therefore, she decided to take the Applied Learning (ApL) course – Practical Accounting for SMEs.

Fanny thinks that the accounting software commands are simple and clear. To learn the software, one can grasp the accounting concepts with ease; the simulation of a real office setting also gives students a striking real experience. Comparing this ApL subject with Principles of Accounts offered in the school curriculum, Fanny feels that the former is easier to comprehend and has a broader coverage of concepts while the latter is theory-based. Principles of Accounts covers more in-depth knowledge and most of the thematic exercises are conducted by paper and pen. "We only started the practical exercises after understanding the accounting concepts. We can finish the exercises in accounting software step-by-step by following instructions. Hence, we have a great sense of success on finishing the exercises," she says. The accounting teacher and ApL tutor employ different methods of teaching, which give students different perspectives and knowledge, enhancing the learning outcomes.



Learning through accounting software enhances sense of success.



Group project can build up esprit de corps.

Of all the various learning activities in the ApL course, Fanny enjoys the group project the most. "The group project builds an esprit de corps, while the presentation trains our public speaking skills," she explains. Accounting is a very interesting subject for Fanny; it ignites her curiosity, driving her to keep on finding out more about the subject. Practical Accounting for SMEs not only equips her with practical skills but also provides an excellent match for her chosen career. "My good experience taking this ApL course boosts my dream of becoming an accountant."