

Experience of a student on the ApL course

Applied Learning course – Practical Accounting for SMEs Maximizing learning effectiveness



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Lo Chi Wah is a form-four science student at Cheung Chau Government Secondary School. When Lo was in form three, he first heard about the Applied Learning (ApL) courses which were available to students in their fourth and fifth form studies. Lo was very interested in accounting and thus he chose “Practical Accounting for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)”, which has since then given him a great learning experience.

Lo thinks that the course is very practical. His favourite session is the workshop on using accounting software. Using MYOB accounting software, Lo can better grasp accounting theories by integrating all the knowledge that he has learnt. Since the software is user-friendly and many students are given many chances to practise in class, Lo can master the software skills without facing too much pressure. Lo is also taking the “Principles of Accounts” subject at school. “Although the two courses bear some resemblance to each other in certain topics, they complement each other in the details and never make me feel bored,” Lo says. “With the tutor’s thorough explanation and hands-on experience of using the software, we have all built a solid foundation in accounting knowledge.” Lo believes that mastering the software can help him understand accounting theories more effectively because software practice explains the inter-relationships among different accounting principles which might otherwise be too abstract to be explained with pen-and-paper calculation.



Lo finds the software MYOB user-friendly.



Group presentation strengthens team work and polishes communication skill.

To take this “Practical Accounting for SMEs” course, Lo has to travel all the way from Cheung Chau to Caritas Eastern District Community Education Centre every Saturday. Although it’s a long way and takes up a great deal of his leisure time, Lo makes sure he does not miss a single class because he truly enjoys the learning process. Lo finds that he has gained far more than he expected. In addition to the opportunity of learning more about accounting and related computer software, he



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has had a great time mingling with other students while learning a great deal from the dedicated teachers.

One of the learning activities was a group project that simulated a company set-up process. Students had to plan all the details from deciding the type of business to daily operations and then present their case study before the tutor and fellow classmates. This project has given Lo a great opportunity to apply his accounting knowledge while polishing his communication skills through team work. The fourth-former hopes that he can further his studies in accounting to prepare himself for his career development in this field. Let's wish Lo the best of luck in his studies, and a bright future ahead!