

### *Sharing from students*

#### **Applied Learning course – Practical Accounting for SMEs**

##### **Expanding Knowledge**

##### **Broadening Horizons**



*(from left to right)*

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Sonia and Choi Fung are students at Caritas Yuen Long Chan Chun Ha Secondary School. One has taken and the other is currently taking the “Practical Accounting for SMEs” course. They share their thoughts on the course:

#### **Why have you chosen to study the “Practical Accounting for SMEs” course?**

Sonia : As a science student, I don't have the opportunity to learn business knowledge under the limitations of the traditional subject combination. “Practical Accounting for SMEs” offered me the opportunity to give it a try.

Choi Fung : I think this course is very practical and it should be very helpful for starting work in the future. My family is also very supportive of me taking this course as they think it will enhance my effectiveness in learning business subjects.

#### **What is the difference between this course and general secondary school subjects?**

Sonia : Traditional subjects mainly focus on theories and memorizing text is very often needed. This course, on the contrary, places the emphasis on practice. The learning model is more flexible.

Choi Fung : The teaching method in this course is more interactive. Teachers guide the students' thinking, using incentives to encourage us to participate as much as often, making it a lively atmosphere in class. It's a cheerful learning experience.



**Has it been helpful to you to understand accounting theories through the applied method of learning? And why?**

Sonia : Practising with accounting software helps me better understand the theories taught by the tutor, enabling me to integrate the various accounting theories that I have learnt.

Choi Fung : I am also studying Principles of Accounts in school. The practical model emphasized in this course reinforces my grasp and understanding of the accounting concepts. Compared with students who haven't taken this course, I think I have gained some advantages in my accounting studies.

**Which aspect of this course do you appreciate most?**

Sonia : I liked doing the group project with my classmates most. I had to discuss various issues about setting up a company with team members. There were a lot of matters to be considered: for instance, the nature of the business, the location of the company, the use of capital, etc. Plans had to be detailed and comprehensive, as well as being sensible. This exercise was very helpful in strengthening our understanding of the course content.

Choi Fung : I visited a CPA firm during the last summer holiday. At first, I thought accounting was boring, but after listening to the CPAs, I found that accounting jobs can be highly diversified. There are also opportunities to work in different places, where we can learn the operations of various kinds of companies. This will greatly broaden our horizons.

**Would you encourage your lower form classmates to take this course?**

Sonia : Yes, definitely. Through this course you can learn some helpful and practical knowledge for your future career development while still at secondary school.

Choi Fung : I would too! This course is enriching our experience and gives us exposure to a lot of information about the accounting profession, which is very helpful for making career choices in the future.