

Thoughts from a student

Applied Learning course – Practical Accounting for SMEs Learning and applying with connected thinking



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“I am interested in accounting and I wish to attain good result!” With his strong passion and great drive, Tsang Lok Kan, Rocky studied the HKIAAT Applied Learning (ApL) course “Practical Accounting for SMEs” concurrently with the “Principles of Accounts” subject at school in the fourth and fifth form. As a result of his hard work, Rocky got a credit in the “Principles of Accounts” subject in the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination and a “Pass with Distinction” in the ApL course.

Rocky wants to develop a career in accounting. He first heard about ApL from his Careers Master. Rocky understood that other than the accounting theory, he could also learn the relevant accounting software, which is very practical. As such, he had decided to take this ApL course.



Rocky thinks this ApL course provides lots of practical opportunities for students to learn and apply their knowledge.

Compared with the traditional approach, Rocky thinks that taking this ApL course is an effective means to boost his learning progress in accounting. He can learn the accounting theory by handling different accounting entries with the use of accounting software. “At school, teachers mainly focus on textbook theories. On the ApL course, we are given numerous practical opportunities which allow us to learn through practice, digest and apply. This course has contributed to my significant improvement in the ‘Principles of Accounts’ subject at school.” Rocky remarks that nowadays it is common for firms to use computers to manage their accounts; having this relevant knowledge will help him find a job in the future.

Rocky's favourite learning activity was the CPA firm visit, which has given him an eye-opening opportunity to get into a real working environment and gain some invaluable tips from an experienced CPA. It was a memorable and precious experience. Furthermore, Rocky enjoyed participating in the group project in which he learned how to work and get along with peers. More importantly, it strengthened his accounting knowledge, trained up his analytical skills and improved his report-writing skills.



Firm visits have broadened Rocky's horizon.

Rocky was the only student from his school to take this ApL course at that time. He says that he would rather spend his leisure time wisely on learning useful knowledge than wasting time doing nothing at home during weekends. However, travelling a long way from Fanling to Kowloon Tong to attend ApL class every week was not easy. Without self-discipline, Rocky would have given up. Fortunately, he persisted to the end and attained an outstanding result in this ApL course.

Rocky is an all-round person. After school he enjoys discussing homework and sharing the knowledge he has learnt from the ApL course with classmates. During leisure time, he likes playing volleyball and swimming. After graduating from Form 5, he has continued his studies at Cumberland Presbyterian Church Yao Dao Secondary School. If he has the opportunity to be admitted to university, he would like to study accounting. Rocky, go ahead! Continue your hard work and fight for your future!