



Inspiring and Supporting the Next Generation of Accountants

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My Journey



Why Do You Like Accounting?

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What do you like about Accounting?

transpiration
leader bold
creative
focus fast
inspiration



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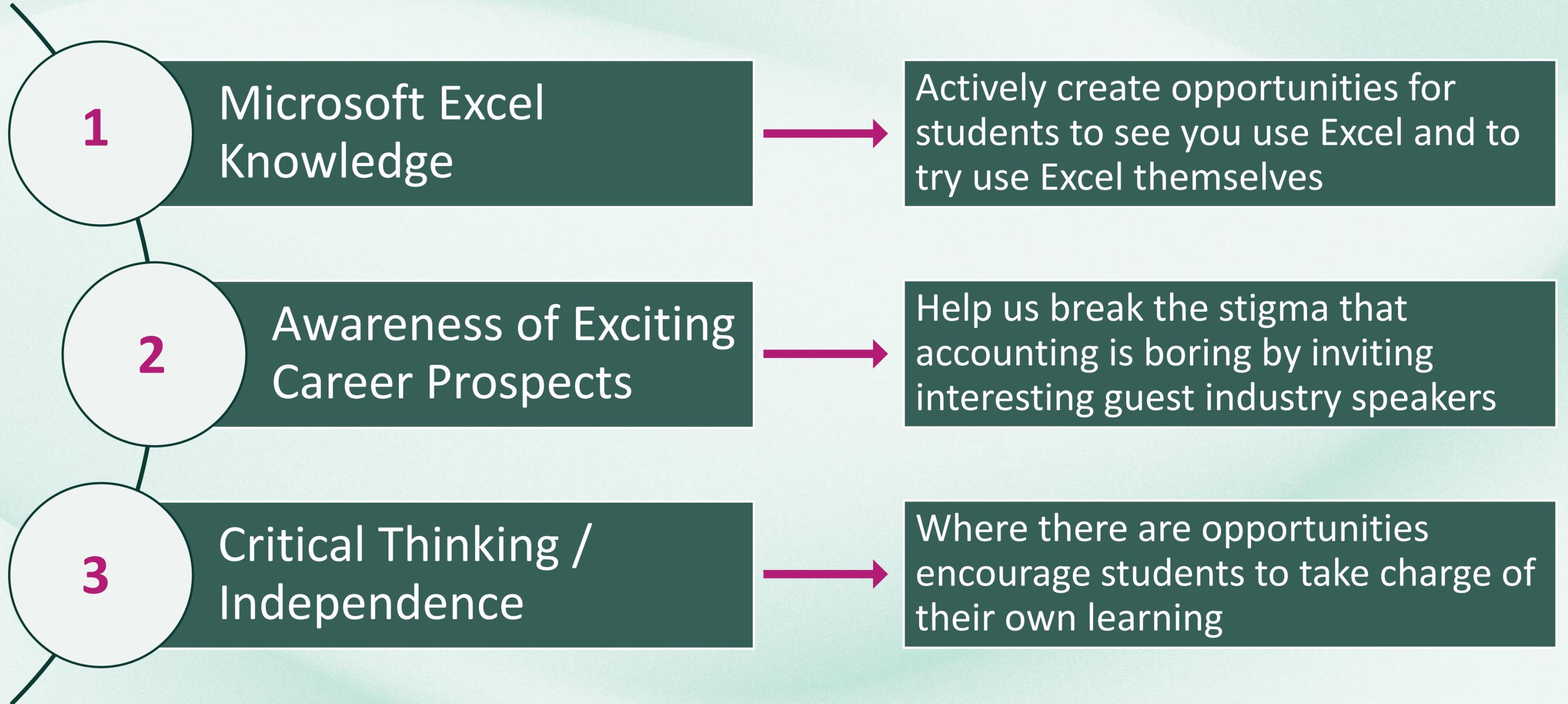
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High School vs University Curriculum

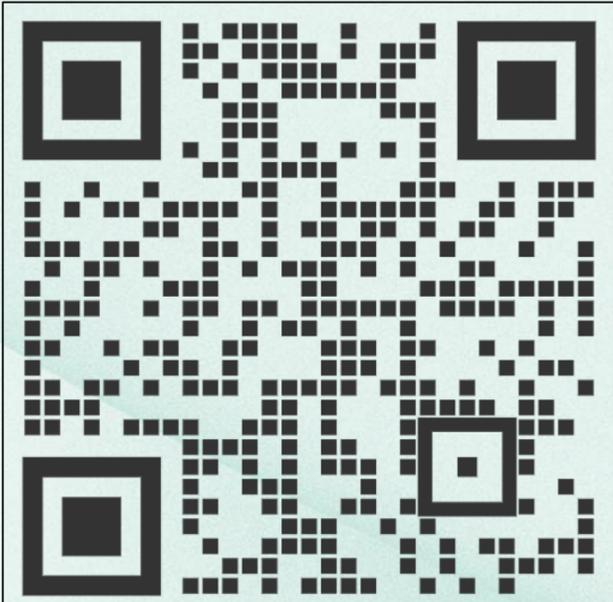
Area	High School	University
Financial Reporting	Basic statements for small entities	Full IFRS/AASB, consolidations, complex reporting
Regulatory Framework	Intro to key acts	Detailed corporate law, governance, auditing
Management Accounting	Basic budgets, CVP, simple investment tools	Advanced costing, performance measurement, strategy
Technology	Spreadsheets, basic accounting software	ERP systems, data analytics, IT risk management
Taxation	GST only	Full tax framework incl. multiple tax types & intl.
Ethics & Professional Considerations *	Impact of values, ethics, social & environmental factors on decisions	Formal knowledge of professional codes, CSR, sustainability & ESG/Climate risk reporting and auditing.
Audit & Assurance	Not covered	Full audit process & reporting

First Year University Student Gaps



Research Based Teaching Tips

How to choose activities to increase your students' engagement in the classroom?



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What we did to investigate this question

1

Selected 34 learning activities

2

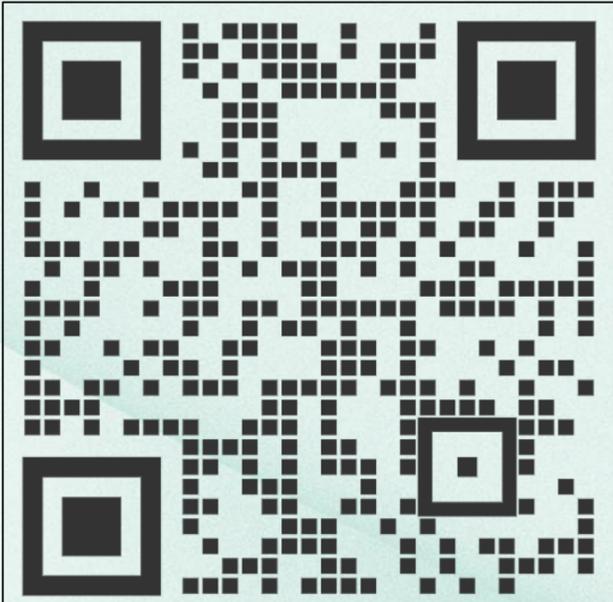
Rated each learning activity against 6 criteria

3

Collected qualitative and quantitative data from students

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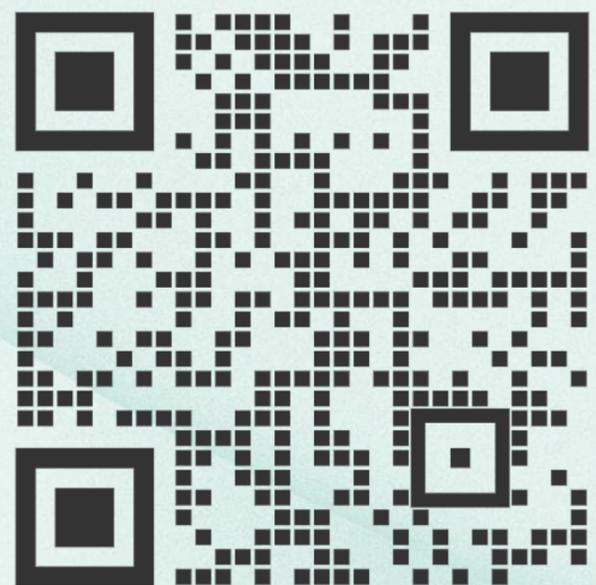


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Selected 19 accounting and finance units

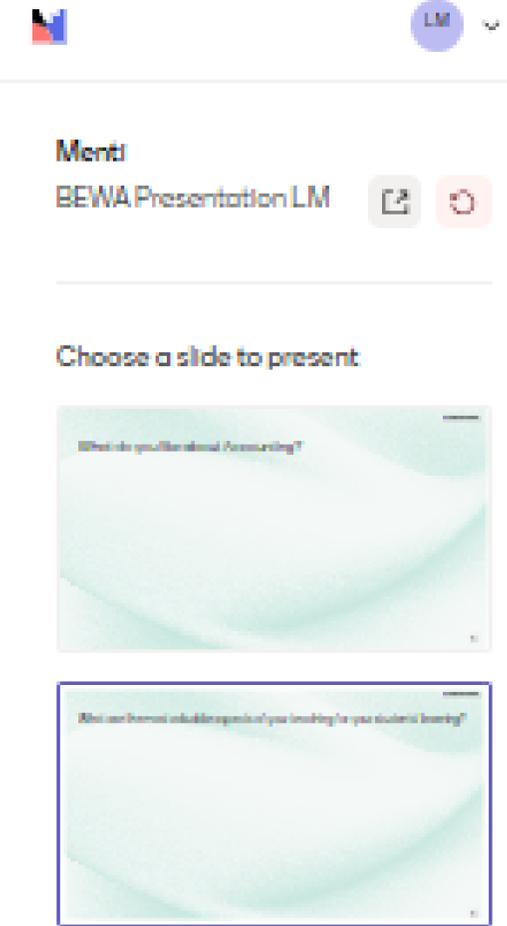
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Collected teaching feedback provided by 527 students

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Thematically analysed student responses to the question “What aspect of this lecturer's approach to teaching best helped your learning?”

What Do You Think Your Students Would Say?



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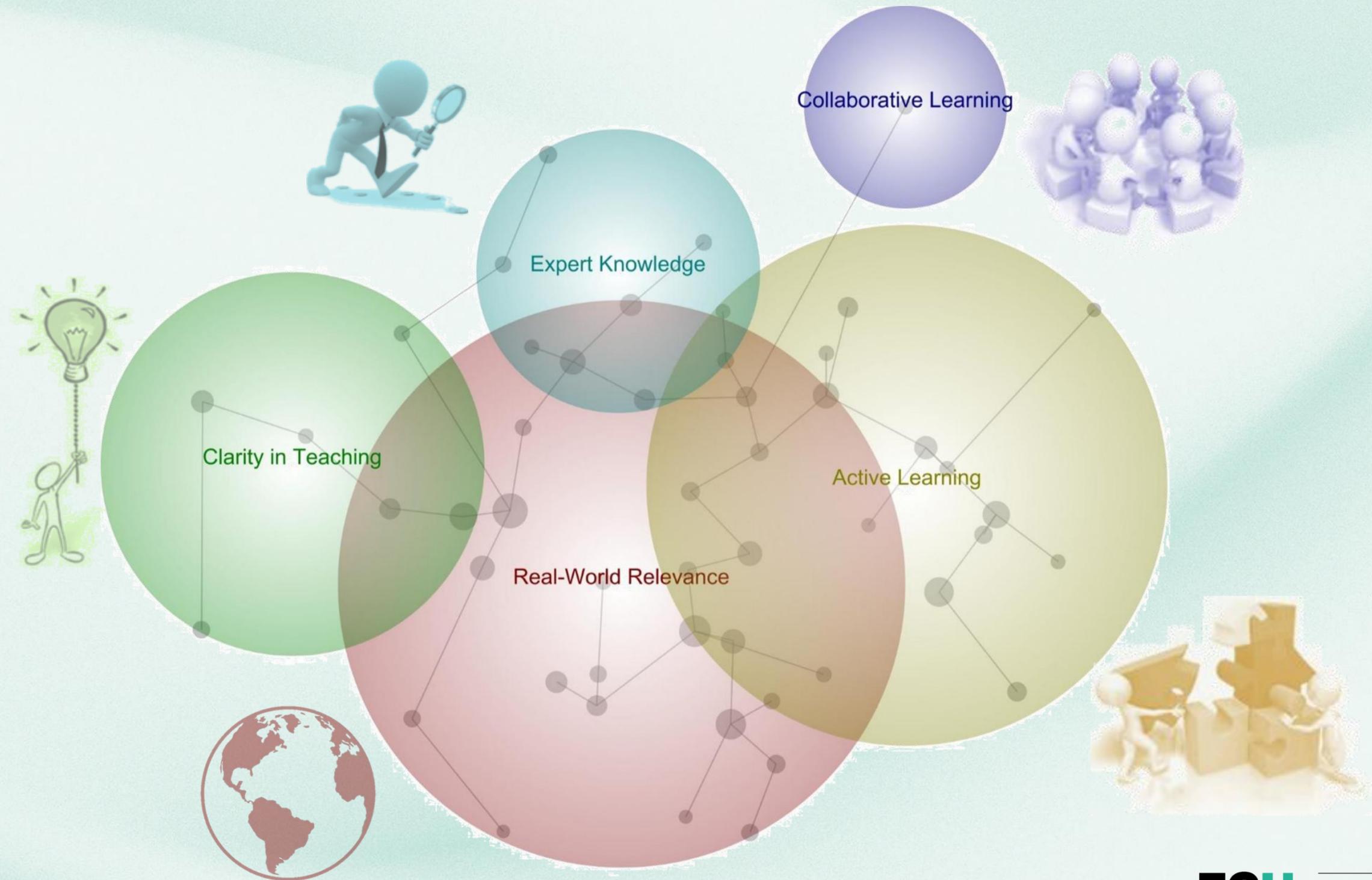
Choose a slide to present:

- What do you like about Accounting?
- What are the most valuable aspects of your teaching for your students learning?

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