# **Contextualized Learning Activities (CLAs)**

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Specialist High Skills Major	Construction	
Course code	MEL 4EI	
and course title	Mathematics for Work and Everyday life	
Name of contextualized learning activity/activities	Patio vs. Deck: Adventures in Home Ownership	
Brief description of contextualized learning activity/activities	These are a series of activities related to Construction that require the use of math and numeracy skills.	
Duration	6 hours or 5 classes (76 minutes each)	
	Part A: Graphing (2 periods): First day teacher reviews key concepts and as a class work through the lumber	
	examples. Students have the remainder part of the period plus one more day to complete)	
	Part B: Taking Measurements (1 period)	
	Part C: Cost of the Deck (2 - 3 periods)	

Overall	A1
expectations	Collect, organize, represent, and make inferences from data using a variety of tools and strategies,
•	and describe related applications;
	B2
	Interpret, design, and adjust budgets for individuals and families described in case studies
	C1
	determine and estimate measurements using the metric and imperial systems, and convert measures
	within and between systems;
	C2
	apply measurement concepts and skills to solve problems in measurement and design, to construct
	scale drawings and scale models, and to budget for a household improvement;
Specific	Reasoning with Data
expectations	1.4 Represent categorical data by constructing graphs (e.g., bar graph, broken-line graph, circle graph) using a
	variety of tools (e.g., dynamic statistical software, graphing calculator, spreadsheet)
	1.5 Make inferences based on the graphical representation of data (e.g., an inference about a sample from the
	graphical representation of a population), and justify conclusions orally or in writing using convincing arguments
	1.6 Make and justify conclusions about a topic of personal interest by collecting, organizing (e.g., using spreadsheets), representing (e.g., using graphs), and making inferences from categorical data from primary
	sources (i.e., collected through measurement or observation) or secondary sources (e.g., electronic data from
	databases such as E-STAT, data from newspapers or magazines)
	<b>2.6</b> interpret information involving the use of probability and statistics in the media, and describe how probability
	and statistics can help in making informed decisions in a variety of situations
	2.6 make adjustments to a budget to accommodate changes in circumstances
	Personal Finance
	<b>3.7</b> gather, interpret, and describe information about applications of the mathematics of personal finance in the
	workplace
	Measurement
	1.4 convert measures within systems
	1.5 convert measures between systems
	2.2 apply the concept of perimeter in familiar contexts
	2.4 solve problems involving the areas of rectangles, triangles, and circles, and of related composite shapes, in
	situations arising from real-world applications
	2.5 solve problems involving the volumes and surface areas of rectangular prisms, triangular prisms, and
	cylinders, and of related composite figures, in situations arising from real world applications
	2.8 investigate, plan, design, and prepare a budget for a household improvement
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Cathalia araduata	Thinks reflectively and creatively to evaluate situations and solve problems.
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applicable)	Thinks critically about the meaning and purpose of work.
Essential Skills	Reading Text
and work habits	Understanding text in the form of sentences or paragraphs
	Numeracy
	Use of numbers and quantities
	Writing
	Completing solutions of multi-step problem-solving questions
	Continuous Learning
	Ongoing process of learning and acquiring skills
	Thinking Skills
	Cognitive ability, problem solving
	Initiative
	Starts work with little or no prompting
	Work Habits
	Punctual, time effective, and able to follow directions
	Organization
	Written work is well laid out and neat
	Working Independently
	Accomplishes tasks independently

# Instructional/Assessment Strategies

#### Teacher's notes

- \* Providing applicable real life examples from the construction sectors can be beneficial for student learning.
- \* Constant diagnostic and formative feedback is important for consistent learning and student development (ie. through use of student worksheets).
- \* If the class is a split group (not all SHSM students) it may be advantageous to group the SHSM students together, however, this CLA has benefits for all MEL students, not just those enrolled in the SHSM program.

### Context

This CLA is designed for students that plan on entering an apprenticeship or college in the construction sector. It gives the students some insight in the expense of owning a home.

### **Strategies**

**Socratic Review of key concepts**: Teacher can begin each part of the activity with a reminder of pertinent definitions on the board, or a small example of the topic of the day

**Teacher modelling**: Using the Building Items.xls, teacher will demonstrate what is expected in the assignment. This will also be a way to review the concepts.

**Observation and Assessment**: when the assignment is handed out, the teacher will need to circulate and answer individual questions.

Pen & Pencil Assessment: Students can demonstrate their learning with the summative assignments.

## **Assessment and Evaluation of Student Achievement**

Strategies/Tasks	Purpose
1. Part A: Graphing	Formative Assessment (give constant feedback on Student Progress) Summative Assessment
2. Part B: Taking Measurements	Formative Assessment (give constant feedback on Student Progress) Summative Assessment
3. Part C: Budgeting for your Patio or Deck	Formative Assessment (give constant feedback on Student Progress) Summative Assessment

#### Assessment tools

See attached files

Adventures in Home Ownership

Blueprint

**Blueprint Teacher Solutions** 

Adventures in Home Ownership Teacher solutions

Building Items.xls

Concrete.xls

# **Additional Notes/Comments/Explanations**

Pre-activity work can include worksheets that mimic the activity and can include topics covered here, especially:

- graphing
- area / perimeter / volume
- After tax costs
- Pythagorean theorem

### Resources

# Authentic workplace materials

Blueprint

#### **Human resources**

Teacher, and possibly a classroom EA

#### Print

The provided worksheets in the accompanying file

### **Accommodations**

Individual Education Plans (IEP) should be followed at all times. Be sure to consult the SERT for additional information and suggestions;

- \* additional time may be needed for diagnostic, formative and summative assignments;
- \* the activities and lessons outlined in this CLA allow for flexibility in the delivery of the material. Alternating teaching strategies can help students who are not progressing at the appropriate level;
- \* if possible, more individual instruction time can be allotted to students in need;

### **List of Attachments**

Adventures in Home Ownership
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