

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

IN THE CLASSROOM

LEARN BY DOING

Experiential learning is the process of making meaning from direct experience, i.e., "learning from experience."¹

Experiential learning is a more effective way to gaining understanding of materials than lecture-based discussions.²



We retain **75%** of what we do compared to **5%** of what we hear.³

"For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them."

- Aristotle



KOLB'S EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING THEORY MODEL

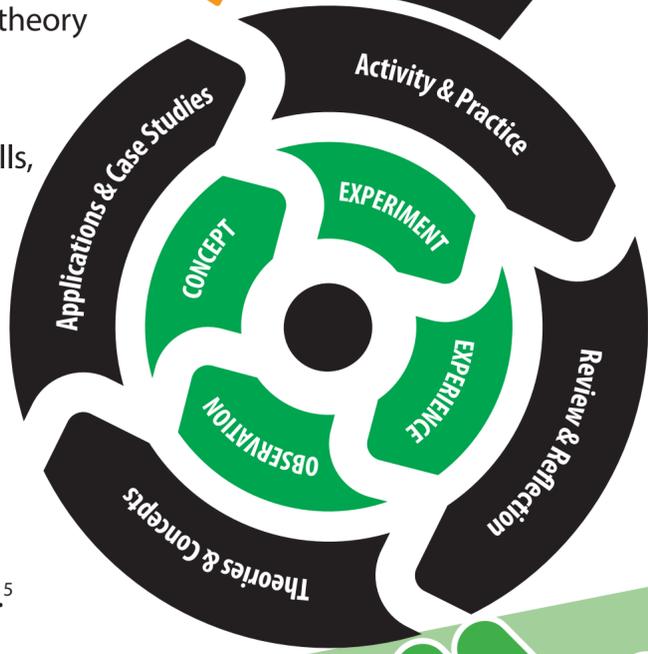
- DAVID KOLB (1984)

Expanding on earlier work by John Dewey and Kurt Levin, David Kolb's experiential learning theory features a four-stage cyclical theory of learning.

Experiential learning helps students gain precious work-related social skills, gain maturity and increases their confidence about the future.⁴



10 of 14 students taught by an experiential method expressed significantly more positive general attitudes towards their learning experience than did those students exposed to other teaching methods.⁵



Confucius says:



and I will forget.



and I may remember.



and I will understand.

Technology is a highly effective teaching tool for experiential learning.

Teachers are creating more interactive lessons thanks to access to technology.⁶



of educators agree that digital resources such as classroom technology and web-based programs help in their students' academic achievement.⁷



of teachers say technology lets them demonstrate things they couldn't show another way.⁸

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