

**These first chapters are PIVOTAL to your successful completion in the course. You should have been investing time in these chapters.**

**Cramming does NOT WORK in accounting!!!!**

**You should have been putting 10-12 hours PER WEEK into studying for this course.**

**That time would include reading the chapter, outlining the chapter, preparing solutions** on a blank piece of paper for each HW problem and then entering them into Connect site to check the accuracy. (If you have just been logging in to Connect and choosing drop down boxes until you get the right answer, you have NOT BEEN PREPARING adequately. That needs to change.) In addition, any extra time should have been spent using the **Learn Smart Module** that is available to you in your Connect site.

In addition, consider these test taking strategies:

**Multiple Choice:**

1. Take the 5-question “multiple choice quiz” at the end of each chapter. (Example for Chap 16 on page 677.)
2. Make sure you spend time looking over the terminology or “key terms” for each chapter – and especially words that you have heard me use and write down in class. (Example of **key terms** for Chapter 16 on page 677)
3. Look over any **missed quiz questions**. (You can see what you missed AFTER the due date has passed.) Make sure you understand WHY you missed the question.
4. If you haven’t yet completed the Learn Smart – do so NOW. The program focuses on what you missed and will keep feeding you questions.
5. Kahoot games (when available)

**Problems:**

1. You have a list of problems that you will encounter on the test review sheet. Use the “**OPTIONAL UNGRADED PRACTICE**” section of Connect, PRINT OUT problems that are similar to the ones you know will be on the exam. **SOLVE THEM FROM SCRATCH** on a blank piece of paper. ENTER THE SOLUTIONS into Connect to check your accuracy.
2. **Rework those questions done in class** where I have told you that the question is similar to a test question. Re-work them without your notes on a blank piece of paper. Compare to your class solutions.
3. **USE THE LABS** – (and embedded tutors if available) to get additional help.