

Advance Praise for *Concise Learning*

“Education in schools has changed through the years, but the importance of making information personally meaningful still remains the core essence of learning. *Concise Learning* method does just that – it teaches the students to transform information into meaningful knowledge.”

Jerome Bruner

*Author of *The Culture of Education**

“Students need to take responsibility for their own learning to be successful. *Concise Learning* method will enable you to break free from depending on others to becoming a competent and independent learner.”

Douglas Fisher

*Author of *Better Learning Through Structured Teaching**

“This book should be no more than an arm’s length away from the desk of every student starting college. It sets out a systematic five-phase study process, built on the principle that visualizing information makes learning concrete and generates interest. It describes how to organize the material being learned visually. It gives a method for critical thinking, shows how to spot gaps in understanding and fill them, and it does this in a highly motivating and visual style.”

Roy Grubb

Principal editor of WikIT, the mind mapping wiki

“*Concise Learning* is a wonderful tool for teachers and students. The brain remembers visuals and turning short-term memories into long-term memories is what learning is about. Previewing, participating, and processing information engages learners and offers them the information they need to rehearse memories and to retrieve them. [Toni] has done a great job in organizing this book to help us organize our brains for success!”

Marilee Sprenger

*Author of *How To Teach So Students Remember**

“[Toni Krasnic] has written an extraordinary book on ‘how to learn.’ This is not your run-of-the-mill book on effective studying techniques. This is a ground-breaking book that will transform the way students look at learning! The *Concise Learning* method (CLM) and *Skills of Success* (SOS) provide students with effective visual mapping tools for excelling in

college and life. As someone who excelled in college and graduate school, I know first hand that you need a learning strategy to excel. CLM and SOS will provide such a strategy to any student who picks up the book!”

Chance Brown
Learning & Development Specialist

“[Professor Krasnic] has tackled the overwhelming task of learning, breaking it down into manageable steps, demonstrating how to organize key concepts, how to think critically, and how to ask the right kinds of questions that cultivate curiosity and promote problem-solving skills.”

Scott Hagwood
Four time USA memory champion
Author of *Memory Power*

“Learning how to learn has historically been one of the most overlooked skills not taught to students. As a result learning continues to be a challenge into adulthood. The stress and pressure this creates can be replaced with success by applying [Professor Krasnic’s] Concise Learning method. If you are a student or have a student that wants to strengthen their learning skills, *Concise Learning* is for you.”

Jamie Nast
Author of *Idea Mapping*

“CLM and SOS are genius breakthrough strategies and should be standard inclusions within academic curriculums worldwide. You’ll experience many “AHA!” moments while reading *Concise Learning*. Most importantly, you’ll become a process conscious systems thinker; dramatically improving the way you create, manage and present information. *Concise Learning* is a handbook for great future success in school, work and life.”

Wallace Tait
Editor at *VisualMapper* and *Hypershifters*

“This is an excellent resource for teachers, students and parents alike who are committed to making learning not only more effective and efficient but actually more enjoyable. *Concise Learning* definitely goes on my recommended reading list.”

Michael Tipper
Grand master of memory
Author of *Memory Power-Up*

“The brain learns by adding sensory input to existing neural networks in a process known as neuroplasticity. The success of neuroplasticity and the accompanying long-term memory and construction of concepts, rather than isolated bits of rote memorized facts, is what enables us to turn learning into knowledge. The use of preview, activating prior knowledge, mental processing, and applying new input through practice and participation are the prerequisites for transferring knowledge learned in one form for use in a new conditions. These are what I call the neurological tools of extending knowledge into ultimate wisdom. *Concise Learning* offers strategies to achieve these critical learning and skill sets.”

Judy Willis

Author of How Your Child Learns Best

“What a compendium of enormously helpful information on how to learn more successfully! Many years ago I thought I could never wean myself from my yellow note pad when I was preparing to write. Then came Word! And now I find I have grown an extra brain facilitating not only my writing but also my thinking. The same is true of visual mapping which I have used successfully for years in preparing writing, presentations, and new projects. Since the advent of new visual mapping software that facilitates individual brainstorming and writing there comes a whole new way of working productively. This timely and practical new book on using these numerous new electronic processes incorporated in a *Concise Learning* method and a *Skills of Success* program can facilitate and accelerate learning for students at all levels. This book will be enormously useful for all schools and universities in giving students powerful new tools for learning successfully.”

Dee Dickinson

Author of Teaching and Learning Through Multiple Intelligences

“*Concise Learning* takes material that is scattered from a variety of sources and brings the research and practice into a coherent learning method that can be easily followed. Thinking is at the heart of any meaningful curriculum and is the focus of this book. *Concise Learning* helps students become more analytical and critical thinkers, enabling them to learn independently and meaningfully.”

Bena Kallick

Coauthor of Learning and Leading with Habits of Mind

“Making the leap from high school to college can be a scary transition. *Concise Learning* provides students with the learning method and skills they need to take control of their education. [Toni] presents fast and effective techniques to engage and invigorate the learning process which will yield life-long benefits. *Concise Learning* is a ‘must have’ for all students!”

Michael Deutch

Chief Evangelist for Mindjet and author of the Mindjet Blog

“*Concise Learning* presents an intuitive, sensible and comprehensive study program for students. The step-by-step instructions and guidelines coupled together with visual exercises, tools and techniques make this an enjoyable and practical manual for the student who desires to gain an advantage over their peers. [Toni] effectively merges concepts of visual thinking and mapping with practical accelerated learning techniques that are easy to learn and fun to apply - providing students with an indispensable manual for learning in the 21st Century.”

Adam Sicinski
Founder of *IQ Matrix*

“By following the practical suggestions offered in this book, college students will deepen their understanding of course material.”

Jay McTighe
Coauthor of *Understanding by Design*

“Through tried and tested personal experience and by using the benefits of visual mapping, [Toni Krasnic] has created an amazing and easy to follow method for students. The art of learning has never been so easy!”

Matthew Lang
Editor at *MindMapSwitch*

“[Toni Krasnic] has written the clearest guide on how to maximize the benefits of visual mapping using his *Concise Learning* method and *Skills of Success*. Success in academics and in life are inevitable if you persist in using the methods presented in this book.”

Angelo Lam
Cofounder and director of *Jump Start Solutions Inc.*

“Effective instruction and academic support are necessary, but not sufficient for student success. Students also need a plan and the tools for independent learning. *Concise Learning* gives them a blueprint for success.”

Burck Smith
CEO and Founder of *StraighterLine*

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