

# Improving Audit Test Scores Through Reflections

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# **PURPOSE OF STUDY**

- Understand student learning
- Enhance test-taking strategies and scores
- Help students study auditing by reflecting on their current study habits/behaviors

# PRELIMINARY RESULTS 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 Quiz 1 Quiz 2\* Exam 1 Exam 2\* Comparison Group Treatment Group

## HYPOTHESES

- H1: On average, students Test 2 scores will be greater than their Test 1 scores in the Treatment Group
- H2: On average, students test scores will be greater in the Treatment Group than in the Comparison Group

## MOTIVATION

- Auditing is a conceptual course
- It is very challenging for students
- Test scores are below average
- Audit is a mandatory section in the national CPA exam

# Reflect Test I The Reflection Process Reflect Modify Plan

# AUDIT STUDENTS - Work in Teams



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# **METHODOLOGY**

- Audit students from 2 class sections (n=44) completed pre-planning worksheets before first Quiz /Exam
- Administer Quiz 1/Exam1
- Students review their graded tests
- Complete Reflection activity in class noting what worked, did not work, how to improve
- Offered 2 (5) points for completing the planning (reflection) worksheets
- Test H1: Compare average Test 2 scores with Test 1 scores
- Test H2: Compare current semester's average test scores with prior semester's test scores (Comparison Group)

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