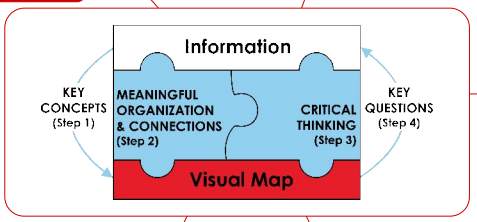
Overview of **Concise Learning Method (CLM)**

- **5 Phases (5 Ps)**
  - Preview; participate; process; practice; produce
  - Break any subject matter into digestible parts, thereby making learning more manageable
  - Each subsequent phase reinforces and builds on the previous phase
- **4 Repeating Steps**
  - Identify key concepts; meaningfully organize and connect key concepts using a visual map; think critically; ask key questions
  - Continuously repeat within each phase
  - Enable you to meaningfully reconstruct information that you hear and read into a new creation (visual map), where someone else's thinking now exists in your mind within your personal framework
- Info
  - Toni Krasnic, author of *Concise Learning*
  - http://conciselearning.com/clm.html



1. Preview

- Preview the lecture material
- Results in a high-level visual map that serves as the initial framework to organize and connect key concepts and make them relevant
- Also prepares mind for the information to be discussed in the lecture, resulting in increased interest, participation, and comprehension during the lecture

2. Participate

- Participate actively in lectures
- Active engagement in the lecture results in a revised key concepts framework (visual map) and further solidifies meaningful learning

3. Process

- Process all lecture-related information into your visual map
- Process the information from lecture, textbook, and other resources immediately or shortly after the lecture by organizing and connecting key concepts into a further refined and more detailed visual map
- All information is processed in a very personal way so that it is meaningful
- Helps transfer information from short-term memory to long-term memory

4. Practice

- Practice by solving new problems
- Key here is to apply what you've learned to situations you haven't encountered before
- Use existing knowledge to tackle new problems of all sorts: concrete, abstract, factual, conceptual, and procedural
- Gives you "hands-on" experience, helps you review, and further solidifies what you've learned

5. Produce

- Produce results and new ideas
- As you critically think about new information, questions, and problems, your fresh perspective will result in a unique product of your understanding, concepts, experiences, ideas, and reasoning
- Your mind will, in effect, produce new knowledge that is already well integrated with your existing knowledge