Strategies for Enhancing Students’ Perceptions of Curricular Content

1. Connect the content with students’ existing past experiences, skills, and interests

2. Emphasize the present worth of the content (how the students can use it in their lives right now)

3. Emphasize the future usefulness of the content

4. Link the content to specific student needs

5. Allow students autonomy and choice in determining how to accomplish goals

6. Use modeling by personally demonstrating the value of the content or recruiting former students to testify to its value