Who takes the Chemistry Placement Test (CPT)?

Anyone who wishes to enroll in Chemistry 111A must take the test. Students will not be allowed to register for Chemistry 111A until they have taken and passed the placement test. A passing grade in Chemistry 90 will not allow you to enroll in Chemistry 111A. Beginning fall 2012, Chemistry 90 is offered in a ten-week format and students should register to take the placement test offered shortly after.

What happens if I qualify for CHEM 111A?

Congratulations! This means that you have met the CPT pre-requisite to enroll in CHEM 111A.

What happens if I do not qualify for CHEM 111A?

If you do not qualify for CHEM 111A – you have a few options in terms of your next step. Please note that you must score 24 or higher on the CPT before you can enroll in CHEM 111A and subsequent major coursework.

1. Register for and take the next scheduled CPT. Register through the Testing, Evaluation, and Assessment office. The TEA office also provides a CPT bulletin which provides the objectives covered in the CPT – allowing you to prepare for test.

2. Enroll in Jumpstart Chemistry, which is a 2 week workshop-style course offered during Winter/Summer Sessions. On the first day of class students will be given the opportunity to enroll in CHEM 111A predicated on their passing the CPT. The cost of this course is $550 plus cost of materials, and the **CPT is administered on the last day of the course.** Here is a link to the College of Continuing and Professional Education office, which offers the workshop:


3. Enroll in CHEM 90 - if you did not take it and receive credit this semester. While taking this 10 week preparation course can help to prepare you to take the CPT, it also means you **will delay progress in your major by one more semester.** For those declared within CHEM or BIOCHEM, this might be an issue later on for you.

   We recommend that you contact the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Academic Advising Center if you have questions about your progress or assistance with selecting classes next semester. We would be very happy to help!