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YOUR FIRST CHEMISTRY CLASS

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INTRODUCTORY CHEMISTRY CHEM 192
Introductory or elementary chemistry is a solid introduction to the foundation topics of chemistry. It meets general education requirements for science, is transferable to UC and CSU systems, and meets the requirements for RadTech and other certifications. This one semester 4 unit class with lab is a good general purpose introduction to chemistry.

HEALTH CHEMISTRY CHEM 410
Covering many of the topics of introductory chemistry and adding more in organic and biochemistry, it is often described as GOB (general, organic & bio) chemistry. With a targeted and rapid-paced presentation designed to support students with goals in nursing, PT or PA programs, this one semester 4 unit class with lab is a unique option for students in the health care industry.

GENERAL CHEMISTRY CHEM 210/220
The most challenging first chemistry course is the general chemistry series which provides an in-depth and robust foundation required for most STEM programs. General chemistry will cover topics from atomic theory through quantum mechanics and requires strong algebra skills and a solid foundation in general science. This is a two semester series of 5 unit classes with lab.