

FALL 2026: CHEMISTRY (NFRS)

General Chemistry is required for all students interested in applying to a traditional health professional program after UC San Diego and/or for students pursuing the following BSPH major:

Bachelor of Science in Public Health with Concentration in Medicine Sciences

- Requires completion of CHEM 6ABC, 7L

All Pre-Health Tracks (PRE-MED, PRE-DENTAL, PRE-PHARM, PRE-OPOMETRY, PRE-PA, PRE-NURSING, PRE-PT/OT, PRE-NUTRITION, ETC.)

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CHEMISTRY:

Most students from above should enroll in a Chemistry course this fall to stay on track. Those who do not enroll may need to catch up during Summer 2027. *PLEASE NOTE: If a student earned **AP Chemistry score of 5**, they have received credit for **CHEM 6ABC** and can't enroll in **CHEM 6ABC**. Some pre-health students in this situation choose to enroll in the **Honors General Chemistry sequence (CHEM 6AH, CHEM 6BH, CHEM 6CH)** to ensure they have official, graded college-level chemistry courses with university laboratory components on their transcript. This can be useful as some health professional programs have strict policies regarding the use of AP credit to satisfy prerequisite coursework.

- **CHEM 4.** Chemical Thinking (4 units) - Restricted to first year and sophomore enrollment
 - Students who met the following requirements below should enroll in this course for FA26:
 - Plan to stay in the general Bachelor of Science in Public Health major and are on a Pre-Health track that doesn't require Calculus or Physics, OR
 - Are enrolling in **MATH 2, MATH 3B, or MATH 3C** for FA26, OR
 - It was recommended based on a student's placement exam results, AND/OR
 - It has been 2+ years since the last chemistry course, AND/OR
 - The student is apprehensive about taking chemistry and not confident in their math skills.
- **CHEM 6A.** General Chemistry I (4 units)
 - Students who are eligible and met the following requirements below should enroll in this course for FA26:
 - Earned an **AP Chemistry** score of **3**, OR
 - Earned an **AP Calculus AB** score of **2**, OR
 - Enrolled in **MATH 10A/20A** for FA26, OR
 - Enrolled in **MATH 10B/20B** for FA26, OR
 - Students who have received credit for **MATH 10A/20A** and/or **MATH 10B/20B**
- **CHEM 6B.** General Chemistry II (4 units)
 - Students who met the following requirements below should enroll in this course for FA26:
 - Received credit for **CHEM 6A** (a score of **4** on the **AP Chemistry Exam** would earn credit for **CHEM 6A**).
- **CHEM 7L.** General Chemistry Laboratory (4 units)
 - Students who earned a score of **5** on the **AP Chemistry Exam** should enroll in this course for FA26.