PLACEMENT TEST POLICY

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
University of Northern Colorado

The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry is requiring a placement score in order to register in the Principles of Chemistry I (CHEM 111). The CHEMISTRY PLACEMENT is based on the student's score on the ALEKS MATH assessment unless the exceptions below are met:

Exceptions:

Students may enroll in CHEM 111 without taking the ALEKS MATH assessment if they have a score of 500 or higher on the New SAT Math Section (taken March 2016 or later), 460 or higher on the SAT Math Section (before 2016), or an ACT math score of 19 or higher. These scores must be no more than three years old.

If you meet the criteria listed you may send a message to: Jamie Cobb jamie.cobb@unco.edu or chemistry@unco.edu for an override in order to enroll.

Based on the score on the ALEKS MATH, students may be directed to:

At an ALEKS MATH score of:

- 40 or higher: students may register for CHEM 111
- 30-39: students will be allowed to register for CHEM 111 but it is required they co-register for MATH 124/127 or take CHEM 103 as pre-requisite
- below 30: students will be required to take either CHEM 103 or MATH 124/127 as pre-requisite
- all students that enroll in CHEM 111 will be recommended to take the **ALEKS On-line Chemistry Review** summer preparatory course on ALEKS CHEM. The access is free of cost.

ALEKS On-line Chemistry Review. If you are unsure of your preparation for the chemistry courses, you may want to enroll in the GEN CHEM PREP COURSE. Registration for the prep course is free and introduces you to ALEKS, the online homework system used in the CHEM 111 and 112 sequences. To enroll:

- Go to the ALEKS website at **http://www.aleks.com**.
- Click on the link marked "SIGN UP NOW" in the upper left corner of the screen.
- On the next screen you will be asked to provide the following course code:

  Gen Chem Placement / Prep: AHYV3-UK6MK
- The next screen will ask your information. Please provide all the information requested including your UNC Student ID number (Bear number). Your UNC student ID number is not your social security number but the nine-digit number on your UNC ID card.
- Click continue and you should be enrolled.