

Sequential Questions

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A Sequential question is a set of steps which must be answered in order to proceed to the next question.

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Answering a Sequential Question

1. If your assignment includes a Sequential question, it will have an **S** icon next to the question title and “Sequential” under the question type.

The screenshot shows the Smartwork interface for a chemistry assignment. At the top, the header includes the Smartwork logo, the course title 'CHEMISTRY: THE SCIENCE IN CONTEXT, 6E', and the user email 'student@wnorton.edu'. The assignment title 'ChemTour Lab: Measurement & Density' is displayed, along with a 'SCORE: -- %' and a 'Due Date: 10/30/25'. A message states 'Welcome to Smartwork! This assignment is designed with rich feedback to guide you as you learn.' Below this, a deadline notice reads 'Grades are accepted until October 30th, 2025, at 11:59 PM (Eastern Time)'. A progress bar shows '0 OF 23 QUESTIONS COMPLETED' and a 'BEGIN ASSIGNMENT' button. A table lists the first four questions:

Question	Type	Points	Attempt	Status
01 S To effectively use a model to make predictions, we must first understand ... Sequential Question (7 steps)	Sequential	- / 7	- / Unlimited	Not Started
02 Below is a ChemTour animation on significant figures. Section 2 on uncertain...	Mixed ⓘ	- / 2	- / Unlimited	Not Started
03 How many significant figures does each of the following numbers have If a gi...	Numeric Entry	- / 5	- / Unlimited	Not Started
04 Note that the balance below currently r Screenshot The following items we...	Dropdown List	- / 1	- / Unlimited	Not Started

2. In the student player, you will see the Sequential question that your instructor included in your assignment. Click **START** to begin.

01 Question (7 points)

In this ChemTour, you will learn how pH is defined in terms of the autoionization of water and how to calculate the pH of a solution.

7 STEPS

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Sequential Question

This is a sequential question with multiple steps that need to be completed in order. You cannot move on to the next step until you submit a correct answer or view the solution.

▶ START

0 OF 5 QUESTIONS COMPLETED

1 of 5 Questions NEXT ▶

3. The first question step will be displayed and must be answered before proceeding to the next step.

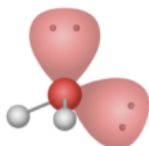
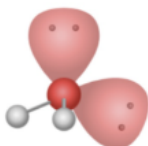
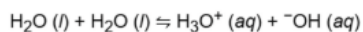
Note: You cannot move onto the next step unless you submit a correct answer or view the solution.

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The pH scale is a numeric scale chemists use to express the relative acidity or basicity of an aqueous solution. Recall that H_2O self-ionizes to produce small amounts of H_3O^+ and OH^- ions.



Placeholder for Animation

What is the equilibrium constant expression for this autoionization of water?

\times \div $\frac{\square}{\square}$ $+$ \log \cos δ

$K_w =$

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Step 1 of 7
(1 point)

4. After a correct answer is submitted or if the solution is viewed, the step will be marked as "STEP COMPLETED" and the circle for the step will be filled in. Click the NEXT button for the next step to proceed.

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View Steps

Solution

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1st attempt

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Feedback

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$$K_w = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{OH}^-]$$

✓ STEP COMPLETED

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Step 1 of 7

(1 point)

NEXT: Step 2 >

5. Once you've completed all the steps, you'll see a FINISH button on the last step of your question. Click on the **FINISH** button and a "Question Completed" confirmation will be displayed.

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Question Completed

Nice work! You've completed all steps in the sequential question.

[< PREVIOUS: Step 7](#)

All Steps Complete

1 OF 5 QUESTIONS COMPLETED

1 of 5 Questions [NEXT >](#)

[✓ QUESTION COMPLETED](#)

View Steps

Clicking **View Steps** on the upper right of the Sequential question allows students to view the progress of each of the question steps included in the question. Students will also be able to view how many points they earned for each question step they answered correctly.

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Question Completed

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< PREVIOUS: Step 7

All Steps Complete

Question Steps

Step 1

COMPLETED

Attempts: 1/∞

Points: 1/1

Step 2

COMPLETED

Attempts: 1/∞

Points: 1/1

Step 3

COMPLETED

Attempts: 1/∞

Points: 1/1

Step 4

COMPLETED

Attempts: 1/∞

Points: 1/1

Step 5

COMPLETED

Attempts: 1/∞

Points: 1/1

Step 6

COMPLETED

Attempts: 1/∞

Points: 1/1

Step 7

COMPLETED

Attempts: 1/∞

Points: 1/1

Reviewing or Practicing Sequential Questions

1. After you've completed the Sequential question, you'll be able to review each step. Click **REVIEW** to view each step in the question.

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► REVIEW

2. Click the “NEXT” button to review the next step.

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1st attempt

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PRACTICE

✓ STEP COMPLETED

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Step 1 of 7
(1 point)

NEXT: Step 2 >

3. If your instructor has allowed for ungraded practice on the assignment, you will see a practice button on each step of the Sequential question.

> **Solution**



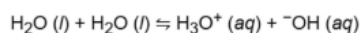
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Feedback

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PRACTICE

✓ **STEP COMPLETED**

< **PREVIOUS: Introduction**

Step 1 of 7
(1 point)

NEXT: Step 2 >

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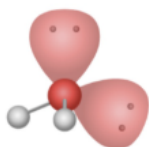
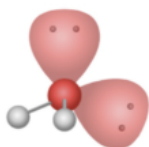
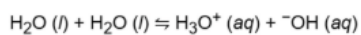
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▼ Practice Attempt

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[CHECK PRACTICE](#)

✓ STEP COMPLETED

> Solution



> 1st attempt



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Step 1 of 7
(1 point)

NEXT: Step 2 >