

Valencia College
Fall 2023 CHM 1045C_14140
General Chemistry with Qualitative Analysis I

*This course covers lectures and laboratory sessions. See page 10 for more info on labs.

*This course will be taught in a mixed mode for the semester of Fall 2023.

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Course

Name: General Chemistry with Qualitative Analysis I

CRN 14207 (Term 202410)

Description: CHM1045 presents a study of the basic principles of chemistry including chemical reactivity, atomic structure, chemical bonding, molecular geometry, periodicity, stoichiometry, and kinetic-molecular treatment of gases. The course consists of two parts: lecture and laboratory. While the lecture helps the students learn these main principles, the laboratory is essential in practicing the principles discussed in the classroom.

Prerequisites: CHM1025C or one year of high school chemistry with a minimum grade of C, and MAC 1105 (College Algebra) or two years of high school algebra or an appropriate score on an approved mathematics assessment.

Co-requisites: None

Educational Materials

Textbook:

- ◆ [Chemistry 2e](https://openstax.org/details/books/chemistry-2e) on OpenStax: <https://openstax.org/details/books/chemistry-2e>
ISBN 9781947172623

It is free to be viewed online as an e-book;
A free PDF copy is accessible to be downloaded;

If you prefer a hard copy, you can purchase it at the Valencia College Bookstore, West campus, for approximately \$58.00. You might also find it from other vendors.

Lab:

- ◆ Labs will be performed in lab AHS-309 at Valencia West Campus.
- ◆ Lab files will be available <https://science.valenciacollege.edu/chemistry/experiments.php>; students need to bring a printed copy or a writable device which you can write down your lab data on during the lab experiment.
- ◆ Students are required to wear a lab coat.

Computer and Internet required:

- ◆ A reliable computer with access to internet is required for this course.

Valencia College is lending out laptops and Hot Spots for students who need it on a First Come – First Serve basis.

Link for Student Laptop Checkouts: <https://cdn.valenciacollege.edu/apps/laptop-checkout/index.php>

Students can also use the following email laptops@valenciacollege.edu to request a Valencia laptop.

Webcam required:

- ◆ LOGITECH C270 Webcam, ISBN 10598252, recommended
- ◆ Built-in camera on your computer (laptop or desktop), acceptable

Other:

- ◆ Scientific calculator (must have for quizzes, assignments and lab work)
- ◆ Access to Canvas for lecture and lab materials.

Assessment Process

◆ Three exams (3 x 100 pts)	300 pts	30.00%
◆ 1 Comprehensive Final Exam	200 pts	20.00%
◆ Homework and quizzes	200 pts	20.00%
◆ Laboratory	300 pts	30.00%
		Total = 1000 pts

Final Grade: A = 90.00-100.00%; B = 80.00-89.99%; C = 70.00-79.99%; D = 60.00-69.99%; F = < 60.00%

(Note, Extra credits may add to the final grades for attendance and other qualified academic activities)

Assessment for this course is based on your overall accumulated points, *There will be NO CURVE for any test (lecture assignments, quizzes, tests or lab assignments) or overall accumulated score.*

Attendance

Regular attendance and class participation are the most important factors that promote success in college. Attendance for online course will be counted as the completion of assignments by the due date. If the student miss or submit late for one assignment, the attendance will be counted as absence or late for the day assignment is due. Read each chapter during the week as its module is delivered on Canvas, view lecture resources and complete corresponding assignments on time. Students are responsible for contacting the instructor if they cannot complete their assignment on time to attempt to have the absence excused. Extra credit may be given for attendance records; this does not include excused absences and is explained more in the extra credit section.

Students will be dropped as a no-show **after the Drop deadline (Aug 28, 2023) and during the No Show period** if they do not complete the first week assignment or have issue with their tuition payment.

Student should not expect that just logging into the course on Canvas will count as attendance.

Students taking online courses at Valencia must have a current Florida address as their primary address in the Valencia system.

Available Course Resources

Course Resources from Professor: Copies of the PowerPoint slides will be made available online. Pre-recorded lecture videos are planned to be made available per chapter. Video recordings for study guide with chapter review and questions will be available during the week for the exam.

Valencia's Online Tutoring Service: To get started, read [General Guide](#) for online tutoring, then click on the link below to self-enroll in the tutoring courses in Canvas. This is where students will access the links to live tutoring (via Zoom), as well as the schedule of tutors, times, and services. <https://libguides.valenciacollege.edu/distancetutoring>

Microsoft Office Resources: Valencia does offer Microsoft 365, which has all the common Microsoft software for free through your Atlas account. Also useful is Microsoft Lens, which allows you to scan pages into pdf files.

Proctored Exam Requirement

This course utilizes Honorlock, an online exam proctoring service, to promote academic integrity during online testing. You do not need to create an account, download software, or schedule an appointment in advance. Honorlock is available 24/7. After you verify your identity and scan your room, you can begin your exam. Honorlock will record you via webcam, as well as record your screen activity. Honorlock's system also includes a process that can detect inappropriate search-

engine use, while protecting the privacy of your personal information. The recorded information will be subject to the protection of the College's policy on Student Records.

To take an online exam, you will need:

- A laptop or desktop computer with a microphone (not a tablet or phone)
- A webcam
- Reliable Internet connection
- Photo identification in the form of a Valencia-issued student ID card or government-issued ID card (i.e. driver's license, passport)
- [Google Chrome](#)

Honorlock support is available 24/7/365. Support access is built into Honorlock in real-time.

If you encounter any issues during an exam, you can contact support by live chat within the Honorlock window in Canvas, by phone (855-828-4004), and/or by email at support@honorlock.com. For answers to common questions on online proctoring, visit the [Student FAQ Link](#) or [Honorlock's Student Information](#) page.

Health and Safety Protocols

- **Vaccines** are strongly recommended for everyone who is eligible to receive one.
 - More information on vaccines can be found [here](#).
 - Inform yourself about vaccine safety with this excellent [libguide](#) created by Valencia librarians.
- **Masks** are optional indoors on Valencia campuses. Valencia has ordered tens of thousands of masks which will be available in classrooms, building entrances, and other easily accessible locations. We are confident that when asked, most individuals will wear a mask to keep others healthy – and ask that you model the way by wearing a mask indoors.
- **Cleaning and Sanitization** protocols are robust and in place. The facilities team has installed over 2,000 hand sanitizer dispensers and continues to [implement cleaning protocols](#) to keep our facilities clean. More information about air quality and ventilation can be found [here](#).

Policies

Course Communication: Students can communicate with professor through the contact information and office hours on page 1 of the syllabus.

Valencia College is committed to providing each student a quality educational experience. Professors have set high standards of instruction for themselves and for students. If a student has a problem in a class, the first step is to talk to their instructor. If the student is still dissatisfied,

they may talk with the academic dean of the division for their class. We will work together to resolve any issues that arise.

Make-Up: There will be NO make-up quizzes, exams, or late homework without proper reasoning. Please communicate with professor as early as possible so that any issues can be resolved in a timely manner.

Cheating: If caught, on a quiz or test the assignment grade will result in a zero. Repeated offences will then result in a failing course grade. The student will then further be sent to Dr. Bob Gessner the Dean of Science. If caught a second time the student would then receive an F for the course as well as be referred to the Dean of Students for further action.

Final Exam: The final examination in this course is MANDATORY. Any student not completing the exam will receive a grade of “F” for the course. The exam will include a cumulative section.

Extra Credit: This is optional depending on if instructor deems necessary. Depending on attendance records a total of up to 100 extra credit points can be given at the end of the semester. Any absences for whatever reason will be calculated in giving these points. Students who complete Student Feedback on Instruction (SFI) survey by the closing date and inform professor of their completion will receive 10 bonus points to their final grade. Students have opportunity to earn bonus points through each exam, details will be provided with exams.

Withdrawal: Per Valencia Policy 4-07 (Academic Progress, Course Attendance and Grades, and Withdrawals), A student who withdraws from class before the **withdrawal deadline of October, 27, 2023** will receive a grade of “W.” A faculty member is permitted to withdraw a student from the faculty member's class up to the beginning of the final exam period, for violation of the faculty member's attendance policy, as published in the faculty member's syllabus. A student is not permitted to withdraw from this class after the withdrawal deadline; if you remain in the class after the withdrawal deadline, you can only receive a grade of A, B, C, D, F or I. An I grade will only be assigned under extraordinary circumstances that occur near the end of the semester. If you receive an I, the work missed must be made up during the following semester, at which time you will get an A, B,C,D or F. Failure to make up the work during the following semester will result in you getting a grade of F in the course. Any student who withdraws from this class during a third or subsequent attempt in this course will be assigned a grade of “F.”

I will not withdraw any student for any reason; it is the responsibility of the student to withdraw themselves before the withdrawal deadline and to be aware of the date of the withdrawal deadline and the influence on their financial aid or education cost with withdrawal.

Students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a letter from the Office of Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the instructor, preferably during the first two weeks of class. The Office for Students with Disabilities determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities.

Academic Honesty: Plagiarism is defined as claiming as your own a paper, report, article, or speech which in whole or in part was prepared by someone other than yourself. Cheating on an

exam or copying someone else's laboratory report is also a violation of this policy. A violation of this policy can result in failure of an assignment, the entire course, or your current status as an active student. Each student is expected to be informed and compliant with the college policy on academic honesty as stated in the Student Handbook.

Expected Student Conduct: Valencia College is dedicated not only to the advancement of knowledge and learning but is concerned with the development of responsible personal and social conduct. By enrolling at Valencia College, a student assumes the responsibility for becoming familiar with and abiding the general rules of conduct. The primary responsibility for managing the classroom environment rests with the faculty. Students who engage in any prohibited or unlawful acts that result in disruption of a class may be directed by the faculty to leave the class. Violation of any classroom or Valencia's rules may lead to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from Valencia. Disciplinary action could include being withdrawn from class, disciplinary warning, probation, suspension, expulsion, or other appropriate and authorized actions. You will find the Student Code of Conduct in the current Valencia Student Handbook.

Students Lecture Recording: Students may attempt to record classroom lectures, but may not record class discussions, labs, clinicals, or student speeches or activities. Recorders may not record other students in a way that personally identifies them and cannot block other students from seeing the professor or otherwise disrupt the class. Students can only use lecture recordings for purpose of studying for this course. Students cannot share such recordings with anyone without written permission from their professor, dean or other authorities at Valencia.

College Resources: A full description of all college policies can be found in the [College Catalog](#), [Policy Manual](#) and the [Student Handbook](#).

Valencia Student Core Competencies: Valencia faculties have defined four interrelated competencies (Think, Value, Communicate, and Act) that prepare students to succeed in the world community. These competencies are outlined in the college catalog. In this course, through lecture and discussion, group work, and other learning activities, you will further develop your mastery of those competencies.

Computer/Equipment Use: Use of computers in the Business, IT, and Public Service classrooms at Valencia College is restricted to those activities designated by the instructor to enhance the class materials. Any other use is strictly forbidden. Inappropriate use includes, but is not limited to:

- Use of computer to send Email or access Internet sites not specifically assigned in class.
- Use of computer for job, internship, or other activities not assigned in class.
- Modifying any hardware or software system configuration or setting.
- Activities not in accordance with the Valencia Student Code of Conduct.

Use of computers in the departmental open lab is limited to those activities involved with preparing homework or coursework in this department and is subject to the same restriction as listed above. Computer use is remotely monitored; any student using computers inappropriately may be subject to dismissal from class or banishment from the lab. Subsequent offense may be sent to the campus administration for further disciplinary action.

Students must use a computer with reliable internet access for online courses because excuses or failure to complete assessments due to computer error will not be permitted.

Student Assistance Program: Valencia College is interested in making sure all our students have a rewarding and successful college experience. To that purpose, Valencia students can get immediate help with issues dealing with stress, anxiety, depression, adjustment difficulties, substance abuse, time management as well as relationship problems dealing with school, home or work. **BayCare** Behavioral Health Student Assistance Program (SAP) services are free to all Valencia students and available 24 hours a day by calling (800) 878-5470. Free face-to-face counseling is also available.

Additional College Resources

Learning Support Services:

- Valencia provides students with academic support through distance tutoring, face to face tutoring at the campuses, writing consultations, library services, and resources.
- Tutoring is offered in most academic disciplines including math, science, foreign languages, English for academic purposes (EAP), computer programming and writing assistance for any course.
- Assistance with library research can be accessed online through Atlas or the tutoring [LibGuide](#).
- Brainfuse is our new 24/7 online tutoring and learning hub, which is available to all of Valencia's students. This service is best used as a back-up to Valencia's Distance Tutoring service, not as a replacement. [Brainfuse](#) is accessible through Canvas.
- [Smartinking](#) is an online on-demand student support site.
- Valencia College offers a variety of [SkillShops](#): short seminars covering a variety of topics which deal with student success, goals and purpose.

Enrollment services:

- Call: 407-582-1507
- Email: enrollment@valenciacollege.edu
- Hours
 - Mon-Thurs: 8 AM - 8 PM
 - Fri: 8 AM - 5 PM
 - Sat and Sun: 10 AM - 3 PM

Academic Advising:

- Call: 407-582-1507
- Email: advising@valenciacollege.edu
- Link to "chat" <https://valenciacollege.edu/students/advising-counseling/>
- Hours
 - Mon-Fri: 7 AM – 10 PM
 - Sat and Sun: - 10 AM - 10 PM

Virtual Answer Center:

- M-F 7a-10p
- Sat/Sun 10a-10p
- [Zoom Link to Virtual Answer Center](#)

- [Website](#) for Virtual Answer Center

Counseling Services:

- M-Th 8am-8pm
- Friday 8am-5pm
- Sat/Sun 10am-3pm

Financial Aid:

Contact FinAidOffice@valenciacollege.edu for their financial aid questions, as well as for potential assistance with financial support

Learning Outcomes

Students should become proficient with chemistry concepts as well as skills to complete common chemistry problems. Topics which will be taught are listed but not limited;

1. **Significant figures**
2. **Atomic structure and quantum theory**
3. **Stoichiometry and chemical reactions**
4. **Physical and chemical characteristics**
5. **Electronic structure and periodic properties**
6. **Chemical bonding**
7. **Molecular geometry**
8. **Gas behavior**

Important Dates

Drop/Refund Deadline: August 28, 2023

Labor Day: September 4, 2023 No classes

Withdrawal deadline to receive a "W" is October 27, 2023

Veteran's Day: November 10, 2023 No classes

Thanksgiving Holiday: November 22 - 26, 2023

Final Exam: the week of December 4 - 10, 2023

Tentative Schedule of Classes

Week	Date(week of)	Lecture Activity
1	Aug 21 - Aug 27	Course Orientation
2	Aug 28 - Sep 03	Chapter 1: Essential Ideas
3	Sep 04 - Sep 10	Chapter 2: Atoms, Molecules and Ions
4	Sep 11 - Sep 17	<i>Exam 1 CH 1-2</i> Chapter Review/Study Guide
5	Sep 18 - Sep 24	Chapter 3: Composition of substances and solutions
6	Sep 25 - Oct 01	Chapter 4: Stoichiometry of chemical reactions
7	Oct 02 - Oct 08	<i>Exam 2 CH 3-4</i> Chapter Review/Study Guide
8	Oct 09 - Oct 15	Chapter 5: Thermochemistry
9	Oct 16 - Oct 22	Chapter 6: Electronic Structure & Periodic Properties
10	Oct 23 - Oct 29	<i>Exam 3 CH 5-6</i> Chapter Review/Study Guide
11	Oct 30 - Nov 05	Chapter 7: Chemical Bonding & Molecular Geometry
12	Nov 06 - Nov 12	Chapter 8: Advanced Theories of Covalent Bonding
13	Nov 13 - Nov 21	Chapter 9: Gases
14	Nov 22 - Nov 26	<i>No Class, Thanksgiving Holiday Week</i>
15	Nov 27 - Dec 03	Review and Study Guide for Final
16	Dec 04 - Dec 10	<i>Final Exam CH 1-9 Chapter Review/Study Guide</i>

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CHM 1045 Lab, General Chemistry with Qualitative Analysis I
R 2:30pm – 5:15 pm West Campus AHS-309
(Address, 1800 S Kirkman Rd, Orlando, FL 32811)

Educational Materials

- ◆ [Required] <https://science.valenciacollege.edu/chemistry/experiments.php>
- ◆ [Required] Lab notebook, scientific calculator.
- ◆ [Required] Long sleeve lab coat, closed toe shoes, long pants.

Attendance

There will be NO make-up laboratories. Be punctual, as there will be a pre-lab discussion. If the student misses the entire pre-lab discussion, the student will not be allowed to perform the experiment that day.

Lab Attire

When attending lab you must wear closed toe shoes and have lower body covered completely. If you do not you will be asked to leave and will receive a zero for the lab. Lab coats are also mandatory to perform experiments.

Lab Assignments

Pre-lab, lab practical and lab assignment will be counted as 25 points totally for each experiment.

Pre-Lab Assignments (5 points each exp.): The pre-lab quizzes for each experiment will be available on Canvas, usually due on the day before the lab meeting.

Lab Procedure and Data (10 points each exp.): Each student is required to have at least a composition notebook for laboratory experiments. Purpose of the notebook is to mainly write down a more concise version of the experimental procedure as well as a place to write necessary preliminary information and measured lab data. This should be written in **pen**. Pictures, tables, etc. are expected to be written here. Lab notebooks are checked during each experiment. Every lab day will have a notebook check. More on the format will be discussed on the first lab day.

Lab Reports and Post Labs (10 points each exp.): Lab reports will consist of an organized copy of the lab data with calculations. A final conclusion based off the lab experiment will be required along with any post lab questions. One report for each experiment. These are always due on Sunday of the lab week.

Lab Safety Quiz will be counted as 25 points.

Tentative Schedule of Labs

Week	Date (week of)	Lab Activity
1	Aug 21 - Aug 27	Lab Orientation and Safety (on campus)
2	Aug 28 - Sep 03	Exp. 1 Mass, Volume, and Density Part A and B
3	Sep 04 - Sep 10	Exp. 1 Mass, Volume, and Density Part C
4	Sep 11 - Sep 17	Exp. 2 Empirical Formulas
5	Sep 18 - Sep 24	Exp. 3 Electrolytes and Nonelectrolytes
6	Sep 25 - Oct 01	Exp. 5 Observing and Classifying Reactions
7	Oct 02 - Oct 08	Exp. 4 Limiting Reactant
8	Oct 09 - Oct 15	Exp. 6 Amount of Active Ingredient in Aspirin Part A
9	Oct 16 - Oct 22	Exp. 6 Amount of Active Ingred.in Aspirin Part B
10	Oct 23 - Oct 29	Exp. 8 Calorimetry
11	Oct 30 - Nov 05	Exp. 10 Dye Concent. Using UV-Vis
12	Nov 06 - Nov 12	Exp. 11 Molecular Modeling
13	Nov 13 - Nov 22	Exp. 7 Analysis of a Gaseous Product
14	Nov 23 - Nov 26	<i>No Lab, Thanksgiving Holiday Week</i>
15	Nov 27 - Dec 03	Exp. 12 Lab Practical Test (no prelab)
16	Dec 04 - Dec 10	<i>No lab, FINAL EXAMS</i>

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LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Expectations of a Valencia College Science Student

Welcome to the Science Division of Valencia College's West Campus; we are enthused to have this opportunity to assist you in achieving your educational goals. Higher education is a privilege and an opportunity; it is your responsibility to realize that you are in control of those behaviors and actions that can enable success in this course.

From your professors, **you can expect** the following:

1. They will be prompt, courteous and respectful.
2. They will provide a professional learning environment throughout the entire scheduled instructional period.
3. They will provide an up-to-date syllabus; when changes need to be made, they will announce changes in a manner that is conveyed to all students in their class.
4. They will provide you with a course that is of necessary rigor to prepare you for the career you have chosen; because the class you are taking transfers to a four year college or university, it will be taught with the same academic expectations. The bonus of starting your education at Valencia, when compared to attending a four year college, is you will be able to get more personal attention with small class sizes and you will be able to save money; the classes are not easier.
5. They will offer time outside of class to discuss your questions.
6. They will be available to discuss your class concerns in private, outside of class time; you should try to resolve your class concerns with your professor before you try to voice your concerns with administrators.
7. They will respond to emails within 2 business days.
8. They will expect from you what they have expected from the many students who passed their classes in the past.

In return, this is **what your professor will expect from you:**

1. You will be prompt, courteous and respectful.

Prompt means you come to class on time, ready to work, with all assignments completed before you enter class or lab. It means that you have studied, that all conversations, texting and diversions come to a stop and that you are ready to contribute to a positive learning environment from the beginning of the class or lab.

Courtesy means you are polite in your attitude and behavior towards your professor and classmates.

Respectfulness means that you regard everyone's classroom experience as valuable to them, that you accept your professor's expertise and experience to create relevant course objectives and that you treat college and personal property with care.

2. You will read your syllabus; your syllabus is a contract between your professor and you. Be aware of deadlines to complete assignments on time and know your professor's

attendance policy. You will need to attend class for the full length of time allotted to your science class and lab.

3. You will be aware of Valencia College policies and procedures found in the college catalog; ignorance of policies and procedures doesn't mean they don't apply.
4. You will be serious about learning; it is your responsibility to be an active participant in your own learning. You will need to devote sufficient time to learn the material presented by your professor; for most students, this means you will need to spend at least two hours studying for every hour of instruction. Learning is an action verb; you will need to do more than sit through class and reread your notes to be successful. To succeed in higher level classes, you must retain the information, concepts and skills you will learn; this can only happen if you work at learning to make the course content a part of your long term memory. Do not cram!!
5. You will be encouraged to produce your own study guides. Most college professors do not provide study guides, but they can give you tips that will help you produce your own study guides to gain a better understanding of the course content.
6. You will be expected to participate fully in classroom activities. The work you produce must be your own; cheating in any form is not tolerated and your professor will have specific consequences, in their syllabus, which will be enforced should cheating occur.
7. You will be expected to contribute to a positive learning environment. Avoid classmates who speak negatively, or who have a negative outlook, about your class or your professor. Instead, get to know your professor during office hours; you will learn much more with a positive attitude.
8. You will be held to a high standard of maturity and responsibility. Disruptive behaviors will not be tolerated in the classroom or lab. First time disruptions will be handled by your professor and may include a request that you leave the class or lab. Very serious or repeated disruptions will be reported, to the Dean of Science and the Dean of Students, with specific consequences that can include your permanent removal from the class.

Disruptions include:

- Being noisy when arriving late to class or leaving early.
- Carrying on private conversations while the professor is talking.
- Disrespectful language, tone and mannerisms.
- Sleeping or attempting to sleep in class.
- Repeatedly asking unnecessary or irrelevant questions.

My wish is that you get the best learning value from the science classes that you are taking. With everyone abiding by the expectations in this letter, your science classes at Valencia should be the next step in achieving your academic dreams.

Dr. Robert Gessner

West Campus Dean of Science

Valencia College

LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Expectations of Academic Integrity

Welcome to the Science Division of Valencia College's West Campus; we are enthused to have this opportunity to assist you in achieving your educational goals. In working to provide you with the best learning experience at Valencia College, my expectation is that each of our faculty and students maintain the highest ethical academic standards.

From your professors, you can expect the following:

1. They will be on time to class and available during their scheduled office hours.
2. They will return graded tests, labs and other assignments when promised and within a reasonable period of time.
3. They will answer emails and phone calls within 48 business hours.
4. They will properly cite their references and resources, where applicable.

From you, we expect the following:

1. You will take your exams without referring to any books, notes, electronic devices or classmates unless you are specifically instructed that a test is open-book or collaborative.
2. You will not tell other students about test questions or answers before or during their exam and you will protect the exam from being seen by others.
3. You will avoid even the appearance of cheating by not looking in the direction of other exams, by not wearing clothing/hats/visors that hide your eyes, by keeping your belongings, other than pens, pencils and erasers away from your desktop, by going to the restroom before the exam and by asking your professor for permission and supervision if you need to retrieve another pen, pencil or eraser from your backpack or purse.
4. You will not allow anyone else to be the author of any part of your essays, lab reports or other written assignments and you will not include any materials from any sources (books, journals, other students, the internet, etc.) unless you give credit to those sources.

It is my hope that you will think about why it is important that we each show academic integrity and how cheating and plagiarism affect all of us, including those guilty of these academic crimes. Some students think that it only hurts their grade if they get caught cheating or plagiarizing, but cheaters typically lie not only to others, but to themselves. Eventually, cheaters pay a price.

- Those who cheat typically fail licensure exams, since they don't really know the material. Without a professional license, they won't be able to get employment. Would you want to be treated by a doctor who cheated in order to pass an exam that covered his or her knowledge of your disease? Also, if they falsify a patient's medical records, can you guess what can happen to them?
- Research scientists who falsify data are typically discredited and their reputations can be permanently ruined.
- Although you may think your professors have no clue when a student is cheating, usually your classmates do and some will inform your professor.
- Cheating becomes habitual. See what happens when employees cheat their employer.
- Students who let others cheat off them are not doing anyone a favor. If you are in a highly competitive field, you may ultimately be aiding your competition.

- Guess what a professor says to a student seeking a letter of recommendation when they know the student cheated or plagiarized.
- Finally, what happens to a person's self-esteem and to their reputation when they act unethically by cheating or plagiarizing?

Use the following as your guide: *“Each student is required to follow Valencia policy regarding academic honesty. All work submitted by students is expected to be the result of the student’s individual thoughts, research, and self-expression unless the assignment specifically states ‘group project.’ To get the most out of each of your classes, it is best to learn how to study for long term comprehension, not just to memorize facts. Study so you can teach others what you are learning. My motto is, “if you can’t teach what you are learning to others, you don’t really know the material.” Academic dishonesty, in the forms of cheating and plagiarism, will not be tolerated and for most of our science professors will result in a student getting a zero on a test or assignment for the first offense and then an F for the course if a student is caught cheating or plagiarizing again; at that point the Dean of Students will also be notified. Don’t throw away your dreams and your reputation by showing a lack of academic integrity. We wish you the best and want you to succeed and be proud of your accomplishments at Valencia.*

Dr. Robert Gessner

Valencia College West Campus Dean of Science