

PLATO[®] Chemistry Series

Grade Level: 8–12
Target Audience: High School/Adult
Audio Support: Yes

Product Features

- Over 650 discrete learning objectives
- Animation, narrations and interaction demonstrate chemistry concepts
- Audio support in the tutorial and mastery test
- Supplemented by offline study guides, quizzes, and exams
- Interactive glossary defines terms and models proper pronunciation
- Simple and consistent navigation throughout each module

Product Benefits

- Follows National Science Foundation guidelines
- Allows learner to complete lessons sequentially or select topics in desired order
- Provides interactive tutorials to reinforce subject material
- Provides feedback in the mastery test and graphic representation of results
- Enriches instruction with real life, problem solving scenarios

Online Tools

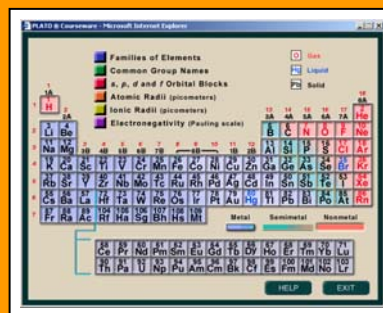
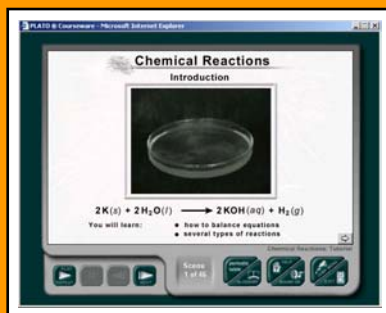
Periodic Table of Elements—complete list of element symbols in an interactive chart
 Glossary—models pronunciation of science terms and provides definitions

Menu Icons

Play/Repeat—allows learner to play and repeat audio in a scene
 Pause—allows learner to pause audio in a scene
 Previous—allows learner to return to the previous scene
 Next—allows learner to proceed to the next scene
 Help—provides an explanation of course features and menu icons
 Sound On/Off—allows learner to turn audio on or off
 Jump Menu—allows learner to view a specific topic rather than advance sequentially
 Exit—allows learner to stop and exit the program

Reference Materials (Refer to PLATO Documentation CD)

PLATO Curriculum Guide—Chemistry
 PLATO Curriculum Guide—Chemistry—Module Components (study guides, quizzes, comprehensive exams, answer keys, and glossary)



Getting Started

- Refer to the Curriculum Guide—Chemistry to review the menu icons and identify concepts addressed in the courseware modules.
- Become familiar with the module components included in the curriculum guides.
- Select and preview a courseware module aligned to classroom instruction.
- Demonstrate a courseware module to the learners as a whole group using a projector.

Lesson Progression

- Tutorial—introduces and teaches chemistry concepts (not scored).
- Application—reinforces chemistry concepts covered in the tutorial (scored).
- Mastery test—includes randomly generated questions, provides immediate feedback, and shows graphic representations of results (scored).

Assessment

- Use the mastery tests to determine placement within the courseware module.
- Use quizzes in the curriculum guide as a pretest to identify instructional needs.
- Use the comprehensive exams in the curriculum guide as a posttest to measure proficiency.
- Use a state or local assessment to further identify and prioritize instructional needs.

Implementation Strategies

- Begin with the tutorial as a whole-group activity to introduce chemistry concepts.
- Encourage self-paced learning by directing learners to complete the application section independently.
- Encourage the learner to formulate questions about the chemistry concepts presented in the study guides.
- Target individual learner needs by assigning selected courseware modules for remediation, reinforcement, and extension.

Evaluation

- Design and formulate an evaluation plan that integrates the use of offline quizzes, comprehensive exams, and online mastery tests.
- Create science portfolios to further evaluate application of concepts mastered.
- Generate reports to measure student mastery and identify instructional needs.
- Evaluate and discuss report data with learner to determine the next steps.

Extension Exercises

- Use the study guides in the curriculum guide as a supplemental reading assignment.
- Search for web sites that provide additional information related to the courseware modules.
- Create a customized learning path that includes web sites to further enrich learning.
- Gather and organize chemistry projects to build a science portfolio.

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Application

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