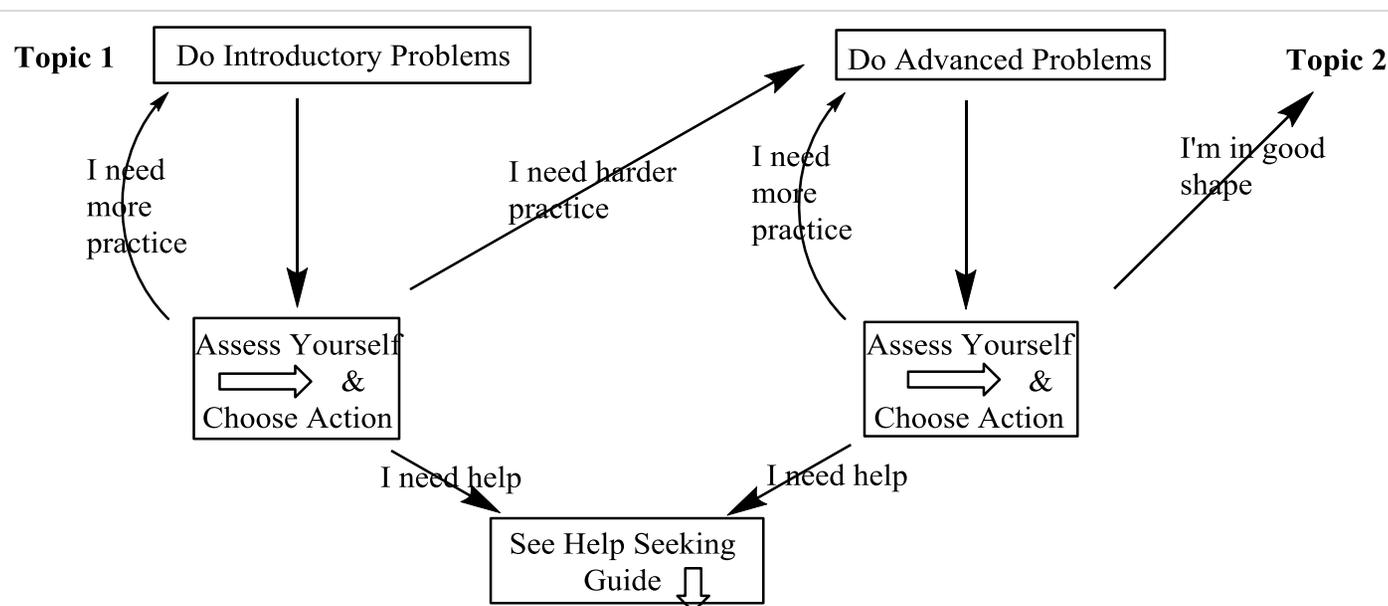


Appendix C: How to Study for Organic Chemistry



Ways to Assess Yourself:

- Check your work against an answer key.
- Try explaining your answers out loud to a friend or classmate.
- Try to convince a friend or classmate that your point of view is right (and theirs is wrong).
- Take the assigned question and modify it slightly but in a way that you think will matter and see if you can still answer it.

Help Seeking Guide:

1. Are you feeling lost about a specific topic or topics?
 - a. A good source for simple explanations of Organic Chemistry concepts is Organic Chemistry as a Second Language by Klein.
 - b. Sometimes a short, online video tutorial (no more than 10 minutes!) can help. See URLs listed above.
 - c. Don't waste hours searching for or watching videos. If you don't find what you need quickly, ask a classmate or the course instructor for suggestions.
2. Are you getting some of the content, but missing bits and pieces, like parts of the HW you get right, parts you get wrong? Or you are not always sure why you get things right or wrong? In these kinds of situations (where you need quick, short explanations), it can be very helpful to
 - a. Go to the tutors in the learning center.
 - b. Ask questions of your recitation instructor, e.g. before or after class or during office hours.
 - c. Ask questions of the lecture instructor, e.g. before or after class or during office hours.
 - d. Ask questions of your lab instructor during quieter times in the lab (when there are waiting periods or when lab ends early).
3. Are you feeling completely lost in the course?

This is a time to see someone like the course instructor (who enjoys helping students succeed in Organic Chemistry) or another mentor/advisor that you know well and trust.

