

2025 AIMVT Universal Advanced Skills Reference List

This is **NOT** the list you will submit with your application. Use this only as a reference.

The submission form can be found here: [AIMVT Universal Advanced Skills](#)

1. Proper record-keeping, using appropriate veterinary medical terminology for your specialty	2. Obtain an accurate and complete medical history with questions specific to your specialty
3. Complete general physical exam, including body condition scoring and pain scoring	4. Triage and emergency care of specialty patients
5. Propose and implement prescribed balanced anesthetic protocols <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-anesthetic exams, including safety and risk assessments for patients seen in specialty • Drug selection appropriate for the patient, the procedure, and the disease process • Appropriate monitoring for different, specialty-specific disease processes and procedures 	6. Blood pressure measurement (non-anesthetic) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doppler • Oscillometric
7. Pain recognition and implementation of prescribed pain management treatments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local • Systemic • Regional 	8. Continuous Rate Infusions (CRIs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculation • Administration • Monitoring
9. Sample collection, handling, and storage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excretion • Secretion • Effusion 	10. Microscopy for specialty specific cytological studies
11. Imaging (radiography and ultrasound) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positioning for specialty-specific diagnostic images • Basic interpretation (normal vs. abnormal) 	12. Supplemental oxygen therapy
13. Oxygenation/ventilation measurement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two of the three modalities must be mastered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pulse oximeter (SpO₂) ○ End-tidal carbon dioxide meter (ETCO₂) on intubated patients ○ Arterial blood gas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collection ▪ Interpretation 	14. Urinary catheter maintenance (male and female)
15. Male urinary catheter placement	16. Aseptically and safely collect urine samples via cystocentesis* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performing, where legal and allowed • Assisting, where not allowed by local/national veterinary laws

**Applicants to the large animal specialties of AIMVT (Equine IM, general Large Animal IM, and Production Animal IM) are exempt from this skill. These applicants must master 13/15 of the other universal skills.*