

2025 ACVIM ONCOLOGY SPECIALTY EXAMINATION

Candidate Preparation Information

The information below is provided to help prepare for the Oncology Specialty Examination. Information pertaining to the exam schedule, administration, use of translational dictionaries, and special accommodation requests can be located on the Oncology Candidate landing page on the ACVIM website:

<https://www.acvim.org/resources-for/candidates/oncology>

Exam Structure and Scoring

The Oncology Specialty Examination is a single compensatory exam worth a total of 250 points. The Exam consists of Multiple Choice question types..

The pass point for the Oncology Specialty Examination is recommended based on the minimal level of competence as determined by Oncology Diplomates after rating the examination through the standard setting process. The pass point is approved by the ACVIM Certification Council.

To become Board-certified, candidates must pass the Oncology Specialty Examination. All candidates, whether taking the exam for the first time or retaking it, will complete the newly designed single section compensatory examination.

ACVIM has adopted a standardized scoring range for all certification exams. This change ensures greater consistency and transparency in score reporting.

The pass point for the Oncology Specialty Examination is determined by a standard setting process where Oncology Diplomates rate the examination based on the definition of the minimal level of competence or a statistical procedure called equating which is used to adjust for any differences in the level of difficulty across examination forms. The pass point is approved by the ACVIM Certification Council.

For more information on scaled scoring, visit [ACVIM Exam Scaled Scoring Information](#)

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