



# Write the Future of Healthcare

Advancements in healthcare and pharmaceuticals demand effective communication to a wide-ranging audience.

The evolving field of medical writing and editing plays a vital role in enhancing health outcomes by ensuring that information is accurate, accessible, and timely.

## Elevate Healthcare Communications

This essential discipline helps bridge the gap between complex medical research and its practical application, ensuring that important information reaches healthcare professionals, patients, and policymakers in clear, usable forms. From developing scientific manuscripts and regulatory documents to creating patient education materials and health campaigns, medical writers and editors facilitate the flow of medical knowledge and contribute to improved outcomes across the healthcare field.

## Fine-Tune Your Focus in Medical Writing and Editing

Medical writing and editing are essential skills that meet the needs of the changing healthcare landscape. The University of Chicago Professional Education's non-credit certificate program offers a comprehensive **curriculum** focused on teaching strong writing, editing, data reporting, and analytic skills. You will benefit from expert instructors within an innovative curriculum that is **interactive and flexible**, as well as networking opportunities with fellow students and industry leaders.

Our programs are designed for busy professionals, so you can boost your skills quickly in an ever-changing job market.

Fine-tune your focus and build core competencies that will increase your expertise and open doors to advance your career.

“ One of the overriding factors is that it's a helping profession. Although you're not directly treating patients, if you're writing for the public, you're helping people maintain or increase their health; if you're writing for biomedical scientists or healthcare providers, you're helping them to provide good healthcare or to advance medical knowledge.

Barbara Gastel, MD, MPH, instructor and 2024 recipient of the American Medical Writers Association (AMWA) President's Award ([Read an article about her insights here.](#))

## Medical Writing and Editing

Format	Online
Duration	9-36 months (Avg. 9-15 months)
Class length	5-7 weeks (Avg. 5 weeks)
Investment	\$1,490 per course \$8,940 for certificate*
Courses	5 core + 1 elective

\* Electives pricing may vary

## Professional Development That Adds Value and Sets You Apart

- ✓ **Onboarding** and **advising** services.
- ✓ **Career services.**
- ✓ Instructors are **experts** in their field.
- ✓ Community building with **extracurricular activities**, events, and webinars.
- ✓ **Networking** opportunities.
- ✓ **Direct learning**, practice, and feedback.
- ✓ Applicable content and quick **skill building.**
- ✓ Access to **UChicago resources.**
- ✓ **Monthly job posting** notices.
- ✓ Support of the **Professional Development Programs** Student Advisory Board.
- ✓ **Alumni Scholarship** program.



Fast Facts

- Certificate courses start on a Monday with self-paced activities.
- Self-paced learning leads to one synchronous session per week.
- The *AMA Manual of Style* is used to master fundamentals and best practices.
- Build a portfolio of work during the program.
- This program is part of our stackable training options.
- Specialization track course in Freelancing is available.
- Certificates do not need to be paid upfront; instead, our programs allow you to pay for tuition at the time of each course registration.
- Current members of certain professional associations are eligible for 10% off tuition.
- Six online courses
  1. Medical Copyediting
  2. Fundamentals of Substantive Editing and Publication Ethics
  3. Fundamentals of Writing and Research Ethics
  4. Preparing Tables, Graphs, and Figures
  5. Interpreting and Reporting Biostatistics
  6. One elective

A digital course badge is awarded at the successful completion of each course and a certificate of completion after all certificate requirements are met.



Preparing for the Medical Writing and Editing Profession

Medical writers and editors are able to present an accurate interpretation of data and technical details in an understandable and informative manner to their target audience.

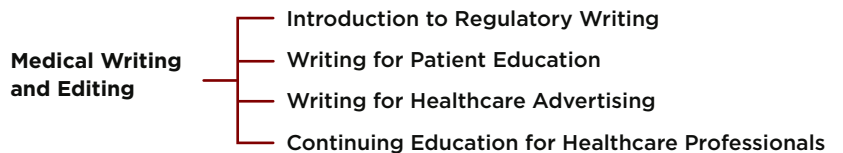
By mastering the core principles and best practices of this profession, you will be prepared to excel in diverse settings—ranging from corporate and agency environments to your own freelance services. This rewarding, multi-faceted field is looking for skilled professionals.

UChicago’s Medical Writing and Editing certificate covers the fundamentals and best practices of crisp, clear, and sophisticated medical communications. Courses are taught by active industry experts. The comprehensive curriculum ensures training in the industry standard of the *AMA Manual of Style*. Courses use real-world medical manuscripts and publications to teach you the skills needed to enter the profession and to succeed as a skilled medical communicator.

Stackable Skill Options

As part of our **stackable medical communications certificate portfolio**, this program not only equips you with skills but also lays the groundwork for continued professional growth in the broader healthcare communication landscape, offering an immediate return on investment.

Routes to certificate/course completion:



At UChicago, it is more than a certificate, it is an educational experience.

Write the future of healthcare and move your career forward.