Medical Writing and Editing Certificate

The Medical Writing and Editing certificate program is designed to teach students the fundamentals and best practices of crisp, clear, and sophisticated medical writing and editing. The comprehensive curriculum ensures students are trained in the industry standard AMA Manual of Style. Coursework includes how to access medical research, use of appropriate terminology, and data graph design.

Students have the opportunity to learn from experienced writers and editors working in the medical publishing field. Program instructors have worked with and for organizations such as the American Medical Association, WebMD, the Mayo Clinic, the Journal of Infectious Diseases, and the Journal of Graduate Medical Education.

“The Graham School Medical Writing and Editing certificate program was just what I needed to steer my career into a new and challenging area. The online program was easy to condense into a short time frame, and was surprisingly affordable. The professors were competent and always available, and I enjoyed the interaction with the other students in our live class sessions. This program is directly responsible for me obtaining my current Medical Writer position.”

—Sharon Hedrick ’14 | Medical Writer

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**Curriculum**

Students must complete 4 courses to earn the certificate. Students who complete 6 courses will earn an advanced certificate.

**Online Courses**
- Introduction to Medical Editing I
- Introduction to Medical Editing II
- MEDLINE and Beyond: Medical Research Databases
- Advanced Medical Editing
- Writing in the Medical Sciences

**In-Person Courses**
- Interpreting and Reporting Biostatistics
- Designing and Editing Tables and Graphs
- The Structure of Medical Articles

**Program Structure**

Classes are offered in two formats, online or in-person. Students may take all courses online or can take a combination of online and in-person courses.

**Online**
- 3 to 5 weeks course length
- Weekly live class sessions (offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings)
- Between the weekly synchronous sessions, participants complete required readings, assignments and self-study activities

**In-Person**
- 3-day seminar format (Classes are held Thursday-Saturday from 9:00am-4:30pm with a break for lunch)
- Classes held at the University of Chicago Gleacher Center in downtown Chicago

**Application Requirements**

Students are invited to register for one course without applying. Admission to the program is required to earn a certificate. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. A bachelor’s degree is a pre-requisite for the program.

**Applicants must submit:**
- Completed online application
- $40 application fee (non-refundable)
- Personal statement
- Current resume or CV

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