

Role to investigate



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8 sources cited

Medical writing

Explore writing and editing healthcare and scientific documents for professional or public audiences.

At a glance

For you

— Choose a qualification

Choose your degree on the Explore page to see what the sources say for you.

Cost

✓ 1 sourced

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Pay

? Not established

This site does not estimate pay.

Hours

✓ 1 sourced

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Employers ask

✓ 7 sourced

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Cost, pay and hours

As sourced

1

Extra cost**1 sourced**

AMWA charges a US\$175 MWC application fee (US\$25 off for members) plus an exam registration fee of US\$555 for exams within the US or US\$570 outside the US.

Basis:

US dollars One-off MWC application and exam registration

Each includes a nonrefundable \$75 administrative fee

Excludes preparation materials, travel and recertification

Scope:

Checked on 24 Oct 2026. AMWA is a US body and prices in US dollars only; no rupee price is given.

Note:

The page does not state the cost of the AMWA Certificate in Essential Skills.

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Pay**Not established**

No official source recorded.

This site does not estimate pay.

Have a source? Tell us

3

Shifts & hours**1 sourced**

Fortrea's Bangalore Medical Writer - Narratives post (writing patient safety narratives, one branch of medical writing) states that overtime and weekend work is required as needed.

Scope:

One post, for writing patient safety narratives rather than patient or public-education writing.

Note:

No fixed hours, shift pattern or on-call rota stated.

**Reality check****From the sources****The work**

AMWA describes creating healthcare documents for professional or public audiences, combining writing skills with scientific understanding.

**Entry requirements**

- The source explains the profession; it does not establish Indian entry requirements.
- Check the exact degree, portfolio and experience requested in each junior writing brief.

**Trade-offs to consider**

- Pharma and clinical writing (publications, safety narratives, regulatory documents), editing, and writing for patients or the public have different audiences and requirements
- The posts cited here are mostly pharma or clinical.
- Start with a clearly scoped sample and seek feedback on accuracy and clarity.

Skills & employers

From the sources

Skills to investigate

Writing Source evaluation Editing

Employers named in sources



Cactus Communications



Fortrea



Syneos Health



Tata 1mg

Examples in cited pages, not a hiring list.

Study or credential needed

AMWA's Medical Writer Certified (MWC) exam requires at least 2 years of full-time paid medical writing experience (or the equivalent part-time) within the past 5 years.

Scope:

- MWC only. Per AMWA, membership is not required.
- MWC is not a first-job credential, because it needs 2 years of experience.

Note:

No Indian medical writers' association with its own page is listed among the sources.



What employers ask for

7 sourced

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Source: American Medical Writers Association ↗

Scope:

- AMWA professional overview, not Indian hiring evidence.
- Exact qualification acceptance, experience requirements and vacancies remain unconfirmed.

Cactus's India Senior Medical Writer post names PhD/MD (Pharmacology), PhD (Life Sciences) or PharmD and asks for 5+ years in publications.

Names: Pharm.D

Source: Cactus Communications ↗

Scope:

One senior post, 5+ years in pharma/agency publications.

Not established:

MBBS is not named ('MD' is a postgraduate); BDS, BPharm, MPharm and AYUSH degrees are not named. Not entry level.

Fortrea's Bangalore Medical Writer - Narratives post requires a first degree in life sciences (or equivalent), prefers a master's/PhD and wants 1-2 years of narrative writing experience.

Source: Fortrea ↗

Scope:

- Title tag says Bangalore; 'Available in 2 locations'.
- Apply button live on 24 Oct 2026.
- Duty: 'Prepare and review patient safety narratives.'
- Experience: '1-2 Years of Narrative writing experience'.

Not established:

No site qualification named; 'life sciences (or equivalent)' is not defined.

Cactus's contract 'Editor, Medicine (Work-from-home)' post, open to India, accepts a bachelor's, master's or PhD in listed subject areas including Nursing and Hospital Medicine.

Source: Cactus Communications ↗

Scope:

- Contract (not employment), work from home, locations Brazil; Indonesia; Philippines; India.
- Edits research manuscripts for language and scientific accuracy
- 'Flexibility to decide when you work'.

Not established:

- Manuscript editing for researchers, not patient or public-education writing.
- Subject areas are fields (for example 'Nursing and Hospital Medicine', 'Pediatrics'), not named degrees.

Cactus Communications lists India medical/scientific writing and editing posts on its own careers site on 24 Oct 2026.

Source: Cactus Communications ↗

Scope:

- Two posts checked: Senior Medical Writer (job 2267) and Editor, Medicine (job 1776).
- Other listing pages include 'Talent Community- Cactus Life Sciences'.

Not established:

None of the 80 listings was a trainee writer post.

Fortrea lists an India Medical Writer - Narratives post, and Syneos Health lists a Gurgaon Medical Writer II, on their own careers sites.

Source: Fortrea ↗

Scope:

Fortrea Job ID 262636; Syneos Job ID 25111248.

Not established:

Open status relies on the pages being live and not marked inactive on 24 Oct 2026.

Tata 1mg says its editorial team consists of medical experts, qualified doctors, pharmacists and editors with research and medical-writing experience.

Source: Tata 1mg ↗

Scope:

Describes who writes consumer health content at one Indian health-tech firm.

Not established:

Not a hiring requirement or vacancy.



The work and what comes next

5 sourced

The work, from the sources

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Cactus Life Sciences' Senior Medical Writer (Publications) develops slides, abstracts, posters, manuscripts, congress materials and literature reviews, and is a remote-first India post.

Source: Cactus Communications ↗

Scope:

Employment post, India, remote, listed on Cactus careers site on 24 Oct 2026. 'You may be required to travel to our Mumbai office based on business requirements or for company/team events'.

Not established:

Senior post. 'Educational' materials here are pharma client materials, not patient or student education.

Syneos Health's Gurgaon Medical Writer II (MLR Reviewer) writes and edits journal manuscripts, abstracts, posters and oral presentations and reviews documents so they are ready for medical-legal-regulatory review.

Source: Syneos Health ↗

Scope:

- Updated 1 Oct 2026, Job ID 25111248, not marked inactive.
- Also 'Minimal travel may be required (less than 25%)'.

Not established:

The page lists no qualifications or years of experience. Mid-level post (Writer II).

What can come next

Cactus's senior writer role includes mentoring scientific writers, and Syneos's Writer II role 'Mentors less experienced medical writers'.

Source: Syneos Health ↗

Scope:

Two employers' posts, Oct 2026.

Not established:

No explicit career ladder or timelines.

Some India medical-writing work is on contract rather than employment: Cactus's Editor, Medicine post is a contract.

Source: Cactus Communications ↗

Scope:

- One post; the listing row shows position type 'Contract'.
- The Senior Medical Writer post at Cactus is listed as 'Employment'.

Sources and unanswered questions

- AMWA professional overview, not Indian hiring evidence. Exact qualification acceptance, experience requirements and vacancies remain unconfirmed.
- Source checking confirms only the scoped statements on this page, not anyone's individual eligibility.
- Confirm current requirements with the employer or programme.

AMWA guide to medical writing ↗

American Medical Writers Association · accessed 21 Oct 2026

Scope:

- Professional overview of medical communication
- Not Indian hiring, qualification, salary or vacancy evidence.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

Senior Medical Writer- Publications in India ↗

Cactus Communications · accessed 24 Oct 2026

Scope:

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Medical Writer - Narratives in Bangalore ↗

Fortrea · accessed 24 Oct 2026

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Editor, Medicine (Work-from-home) ↗

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Medical Writer II (MLR Reviewer) in Gurgaon ↗

Syneos Health · accessed 24 Oct 2026

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MWC FAQ ↗

American Medical Writers Association · accessed 24 Oct 2026

Scope:MWC only. Per AMWA, membership is not required.**Not established:**

- So MWC is not a first-job credential.
- No Indian medical writers' association with its own page was found.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

Steps to Earning the MWC ↗

American Medical Writers Association · accessed 24 Oct 2026

Scope:Checked on 24 Oct 2026 (the symbol '\$' is printed; AMWA is a US body, so USD is assumed).**Not established:**

- Not required by any Indian employer post read for this profile.
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1mg Editorial Policy and Processes ↗

Tata 1mg · accessed 24 Oct 2026

Scope:

- Describes who writes consumer health content at one Indian health-tech firm.
- Tata 1mg careers page (1mg.com/jobs) loads, but no current content-writer opening could be read.

Not established:

Not a hiring requirement or vacancy.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

Your next step: Prepare a short sourced writing sample, then compare two current junior briefs for qualification, portfolio and experience requirements.



Practise scenarios



Open the comparison



Build a resume for this path



Keep reading

A source names these qualifications for this profile: Pharm.D

Medical coding

Insurance claims Medical Officer

Hospital administration via MHA

Public health via MPH

Clinical research support

Pharmacovigilance