

Medical Communications PGCert

The aim of the PGCert in Medical Communications at the University of Worcester is to prepare bioscience graduates for a career as a Medical Writer by covering areas where candidates currently lack training.

Medical Writers are key to the dissemination of new scientific data and findings generated from drug studies – this is essential for a drug to progress from development stages to approval for the treatment of patients. Medical Writers use their scientific background to develop and manage scientific content for international congresses, medical journals and marketing/promotion.

The course will develop your awareness of the role of a Medical Writer, and enable you to identify specific healthcare audiences and to raise awareness via different modes of effective communications.

Data interpretation techniques will be developed, and you will gain an understanding of legislation involved with medical communications. You will also be trained in client relations, and introduced to clinical trial documentation and processes.

Read the [Course Handbook](#) for further details.

How to Apply

For all taught postgraduate and PG Cert programmes, please apply directly to University of Worcester. For full details please see our [how to apply page](#). You can download an application form, or can contact the Admissions office on 01905 855111 / pg-admissions@worc.ac.uk

Please post your completed application form to:

Admissions Office
University Of Worcester
Henwick Grove
Worcester
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Alternatively you can apply online for postgraduate programmes at University of Worcester via the [Prospects online directory](#) of postgraduate programmes. There is no fee for using the online application service.

When we receive your application form, your details will be passed to the Masters Programme Leader who will contact you to arrange an informal interview. You may include additional material, such as references, in support of your application or bring them with you to interview.

You can apply for postgraduate taught courses and PG Certs at any time, but preferably as early as possible before the start of the academic year, which begins in September.

Study options

This course is parttime over 1 year. It will involve attendance at the University of Worcester one Saturday every month (usually 10am – 5pm) for a taught session with specialists in the field, along with distance learning facilitated via additional on-line material.

The taught session will be held at the University's [City Campus](#).

Get in touch

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A minimum 2nd class BSc (Hons) in a Bioscience, Life Science or Biomedical Science related subject area.

Evidence of publications is desirable.

If English is not your first language, you will be expected to have reached a sufficient standard on admission to the course (minimum IELTS 7.5)

Shortlisted applicants may be invited for an interview.

For further advice, please contact the Course Leader Dr Shelley Davies directly on 01905 542372 or s.davies@worc.ac.uk.

Modules

Fundamentals of Medical Writing
Clinical development of Medicines
Medical publication and promotion processes

This course will be delivered at the University of Worcester (part-time over 1 year), via a standard taught programme held over weekends (approximately 2-4 weekends per module).

Assessment

Each module will have its own individual assessment components. The assessment strategy is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills that are required to work as a Medical Writer in a professional environment in a Medical Communications company.

Sally Snow

2010-11 PGcert student

"My time on the Pgcert Medical Communications was thoroughly enjoyable, challenging and relevant. I was recently offered a job as a Medical Writer at a large clinical research organisation (CRO) in the UK. My ability to succeed in that interview was, I'm sure, influenced by my experiences on the course."

Academic department

[Institute of Science & the Environment](#)

"The Institute's acclaimed research has a common thread: our belief that science should be centred around its impact on people."
Professor John Newbury, Head of Institute

Employability

Medical Writers are currently in high demand in the UK and internationally within the Pharmaceutical industry, at Clinical Research Organisations and with Medical Communications companies.

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