Professional & Technical Communication
http://www.unt.edu/majors/utecm.htm

General information on Careers for Technical Communication Majors:

Are you a clear and concise writer? Do you have an eye for detail? Are you familiar with electronic publishing? You should pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Professional and Technical Communication at the University of North Texas. We are the only university in the region to offer a degree in this field.

Professional and technical communication is a growing career field because of the expansion of scientific and technical information and the increasing presence of customer service and web-based product support networks. By earning a degree in this field, you can work as a(n):

- Editor
- Information architect
- Proposal writer
- Usability tester
- Web site designer

Professional and technical communicators work in the medical, business, and science fields in a number of positions, including technical writer and editor, grant officer, usability specialist, new and social media strategist, and e-learning developer. You can also pursue a graduate degree in technical communication, law, administration or management.

Majoring in Professional & Technical Communication

Our curriculum provides you a broad liberal arts background and basic training in the principles of technical communication. This is reflected in the wide range of courses we offer.
A unique feature of the curriculum is the completion of a client-based classroom project. This allows you to collaborate professionally with customers and other colleagues. Past projects have included:

- Creating promotional materials for an art gallery
- Creating style guides for companies
- Designing websites for local businesses and nonprofit organizations
- Editing engineering manuals
- Redesigning logos

Among the Department of Linguistics and Technical Communication’s facilities is the Technical Communication Lab. Lab staff can help you learn word-processing and graphics applications required for technical and business documents. The Linguistics and Technical Communication Colloquium Series also provides you opportunities to meet top researchers in the field and gain new perspectives.

*For more information about specific classes and requirements for students beginning in 2014-2015 follow the links provided below.

BA in Professional and Technical Communication

**Related Career Titles:**

*Examples of Entry Level Job Titles (Options with Bachelor's Degree)*

- Technical Writer
- Grant/Proposal Writer
- Technical Communicator
- Medical Writer
- Corporate Communications Trainer
- Engineering Writer
- Documentation Specialist

**Possible Work Settings**

- Manufacturing
- Software Publishers
Computer Systems Design Companies
IT Companies
Scientific Magazines/Journals
Research Laboratories
Pharmaceutical Companies
Healthcare Industry
Engineering Firms
Automobile Firms
Non-Profits
Retailers

Student Organizations at UNT (Learn more at UNT ORGSYNC)

Job Sites for Your Major

Professional Organizations
American Medical Writers Association, http://www.amwa.org/

Additional Resources
O*NET OnLine: http://www.onetonline.org/
Eagle Network: http://careercenter.unt.edu/eagle_network.html
LinkedIn: http://university.linkedin.com/linkedin-for-students.html
mySkills myFuture: http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/
USAjobs: https://www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads
CareerOneStop: http://www.careeronestop.org/
CareerRookie: http://www.careerrookie.com/

Need help figuring all this out? Call the Career Center and make an appointment with your Career Advisor! You can also get help with resume and cover letter writing and interview skills preparation.
*Information for this handout compiled from the following Career Services Departments:

Central Washington University: [http://www.cwu.edu/career/](http://www.cwu.edu/career/)

Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne: [http://www.ipfw.edu/offices/career/](http://www.ipfw.edu/offices/career/)

Texas State University: [http://www.careerservices.txstate.edu/](http://www.careerservices.txstate.edu/)

University of North Carolina Wilmington: [http://www.uncw.edu/career/index.html](http://www.uncw.edu/career/index.html)

University of North Texas: [http://careercenter.unt.edu/](http://careercenter.unt.edu/)

University of Tennessee-Knoxville: [http://career.utk.edu/](http://career.utk.edu/)

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire: [http://www.uwec.edu/Career/index.htm](http://www.uwec.edu/Career/index.htm)