

Courses for medical writers

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University undergraduate

Organisation	Course name/description & contact
Australian National University – Canberra, ACT	<p>Bachelor of Science (Science Communication) – Effective science communication requires not only scientific skills and techniques but also a sound appreciation of the context in which science is practiced. This makes the study of science communication relevant to every science and every scientist. Studying science communication at ANU will offer you exposure to skills and experiences not usually encountered in standard science courses. In this degree your science writing and presentation abilities be honed, and you will study how people think about risk and ethics, consider what types of communication techniques are most persuasive, and discuss the underlying social and cultural influences on science as it exists today.</p> <p>Web: www.studyat.anu.edu.au Academic contact: rod.lamberts@anu.edu.au</p>
Bond University – Robina, Queensland	<p>Scientific Writing & Research Methods – This subject will provide an understanding of research approaches and scientific communication of research findings. Issues of formulating a research question, independent and dependent variables, quantitative and qualitative research methods, data collection, statistical analysis, interpretation, and reporting are discussed. In addition students will gain the necessary skills to locate, understand, evaluate and write primary research articles specific to their chosen degree program. Students will be introduced to the architecture of research encompassing the processes of ethics, funding and publishing of research findings.</p> <p>Web: http://www.bond.edu.au/about/faculties/hsm Academic contact: keashton@bond.edu.au</p>
Charles Sturt University – Bathurst Campus	<p>Bachelor of Sport Studies / Bachelor of Arts (Communication – Journalism) This is a double degree combining expertise in two of the fastest growing areas in contemporary society, the media and the sport and recreation industries. Placements in health, corporate and community wellness settings, exercise science and recreation and media agencies bring students into direct contact with professional workers in these fields. This course is under review and the course structure may alter from 2010.</p> <p>Email inquiry@csu.edu.au for further information.</p>
Deakin University	<p>Bachelor of Science includes subject Communicating Science Web: http://www.deakin.edu.au</p>
Edith Cowan University – Perth WA	<p>Professional Writing and Publishing If you are interested in a career in editing or publishing, this major is a good place to start. You will learn how to assess the needs of particular readerships, how to present work for publication, how to edit fiction and non-fiction, and how to write in ways appropriate for business, science or marketing. At the same time, you'll develop awareness of social, cultural, legal and ethical issues relevant to writing, editing and publishing. Location ECU Mount Lawley</p> <p>Web: www.sca.ecu.edu.au</p>

<p>James Cook University Townsville Queensland</p>	<p>Science Writing and Communication [Offered in even-numbered years] This subject develops skills in science writing and communication both for professional writers and communicators seeking to write on scientific research and related issues, and for science graduates looking to communicate with a general audience. The subject addresses the historical underpinnings of the scientific method, current issues in science communication and the popular media and the internet coverage of science and technology, with special emphasis on the problems encountered by scientists, writers and communicators in representing the work of scientists to general audiences, and in dealing with complex moral and ethical issues. Website: http://www.jcu.edu.au</p>
<p>La Trobe University Bundoora Campus Melbourne Vic</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts/ Science Double degree includes option for media studies Web: http://www.latrobe.edu.au</p>
<p>Monash University</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts (Journalism) / Bachelor of Science Course overview The double degree provides the knowledge, understanding and skills used in science journalism. Students explore the role of science and media in society, modern multimedia technology and science communication. For the arts component, students complete a journalism major and an arts minor. The course encourages a comparative journalism approach and knowledge of a second language. Final-year students have the opportunity to take work experience overseas. The science component includes a major and minor, two science core units and additional science electives in biology, chemistry, environmental and resource management, human physiology, applied statistics, mathematics and computing. Bachelor of Arts (Communication)/ Bachelor of Science Course overview The degree equips students with an understanding of the role of science and communication in society as scientists are required to communicate their work to the wider community, including funding bodies and industry. For the arts component, students complete a communication major, an arts minor, and a specialisation chosen from journalism, marketing, management, writing or business computing. The science component includes a major and minor, two science core units and additional science electives in biology, chemistry, environmental and resource management, human physiology, applied statistics, mathematics and computing. Both courses are offered in on-campus and off-campus modes Web: http://www.monash.edu.au</p>
<p>Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Brisbane Queensland</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor Applied Science Web: http://www.qut.edu.au</p>
<p>RMIT University – Melbourne Victoria</p>	<p>Scientific Communication The course covers academic writing, teamwork, time management, oral presentation skills, library skills, critical thinking and creative thinking. The course introduces some theories of learning and attempts to develop generic skills that will be of value to students throughout their program and in later life. The course also provides students with a brief introduction to the history and philosophy of science, the public understanding of science and science in the media. The second component of the course provides a broad introductory knowledge of statistical methods in data analysis. Web: http://www.rmit.edu.au</p>

<p>Swinburne University of Technology – Melbourne Victoria</p>	<p>Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology) / Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications)</p> <p>This double degree course emphasises the skill sets of a biotechnologist while broadening the student's skills to include media and communication. The course is ideal for students who see the need to promote science in the media and allows students to pursue a career in either or both disciplines (including further study). Both degrees are hands-on and involve the student with practical reinforcement of their theory. Single subjects may be taken.</p> <p>Web: http://courses.swinburne.edu.au</p>
<p>University of Adelaide</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts with Bachelor of Science</p> <p>This double degree enables you to expand your interests in both Science and Arts. It aims to produce graduates who are skilled in scientific method for experimentation and research, and who are also socially and critically engaged, innovative and creative thinkers and communicators. The program has been developed in recognition of the importance of science being studied in its social context as part of a broader liberal education. The links between the two areas can be explored through a range of pathways.</p> <p>Web: http://www.adelaide.edu.au</p>
<p>University of Canberra</p>	<p>Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Journalism</p> <p>This double degree course is designed to provide students with the basic conceptual and analytical skills required for a professional career in science and communication. The breadth offered by the double degree gives graduates a broader perspective, provides greater vocational flexibility and increases the range of employment opportunities in both the private and public sectors. Students can also expect to find work as journalists in radio, TV, print and multimedia environments with enhanced opportunities as science reporters.</p> <p>Web: http://www.canberra.edu.au</p>
<p>University of New England – Armidale, NSW</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science</p> <p>The combined program offers students the opportunity to study in the area of Arts and this combined degree is ideal for students seeking a liberal education to pursue areas of interest in both science and humanities and offers students the opportunity to study in the area of Arts and Sciences in preparation for a wide range of careers. It offers breadth of learning and multi-skilling across disciplines recognising that graduates are required to demonstrate skills in critical analysis, research, communication and technological expertise. Graduates of the program are awarded a combined Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degree.</p> <p>Web: http://www.une.edu.au</p>
<p>University of New South Wales</p>	<p>Professional Science Communication</p> <p>Key issues in science communication are addressed and skills in science communication are practised and developed - writing and speaking as well as multi-media.</p> <p>The course is taught as a seminar and workshop, combining examination of current issues with simulations for practising professional communication skills. Guest lecturers will include accomplished communicators from business, government and the media.</p> <p>Web: http://www.scom.unsw.edu.au</p>

<p>University of Newcastle</p>	<p>Bachelor of Communication</p> <p>Communication is a global industry that has significant cultural and commercial impact throughout the world. You will need to display initiative and persistence, produce thoughtful and creative work, and be highly motivated. You will learn how to rely on your own efforts and how to both negotiate and contribute to working within team environments. You will learn in our purpose-built facilities including sound and recording studios of industry standard. Depending on your area of interest you can choose a major or double major in: Journalism, Public Relations, Media Production – including streams in multimedia, or video, or audio media studies</p> <p>Web: http://www.newcastle.edu.au</p>
<p>University of Notre Dame (Australia) – Fremantle WA</p>	<p>Bachelor Communications</p> <p>The Bachelor of Communications enables students to achieve an understanding of the principles and techniques of communication through familiarity with a wide range of genres in print and multimedia texts, as well as new and emerging ways of communication. May be taken as part of a double degree.</p> <p>Web: http://www.nd.edu.au</p>
<p>University of Queensland</p>	<p>Bachelor of Science/Journalism</p> <p>Students can combine the flexibility of a Science degree with a professional Journalism qualification. While attaining media, communication and journalism skills, students can either have a broad scientific background or specialise in an area. Refer to the Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Journalism for individual program objectives.</p> <p>Web: http://www.uq.edu.au</p>
<p>University of South Australia – Adelaide, SA</p>	<p>Communication in Biosciences (unit)</p> <p>The need for professional communication skills, models of communications, contextual and cultural factors in communication, ethical issues in communication. Writing summaries and abstracts from individual and multiple related articles. How to avoid plagiarism. The use of flow charts, concept maps and other note taking techniques. Harvard referencing skills for both in text and end text purpose. Sourcing information from encyclopaedias, textbooks, reference materials and electronic sources. Critical analysis of sourced information. How to formulate questions to assess the value of information. Learning how to use the library, using electronic sources, oral communication, and seminar presentations.</p> <p>Web: http://www.unisa.edu.au</p>
<p>University of Sydney – Sydney NSW</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications)</p> <p>Four year degree course with units in Media and Communications, one major from the Faculty of Arts, major from an outside faculty including Science and Economics and Business, and an internship and project in the fourth year of the degree. The faculty will assist students in the arrangement of this internship.</p> <p>Web: http://www.usyd.edu.au</p>

<p>University of Tasmania – Hobart and Launceston Campuses, Tasmania</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Science They will acquire knowledge and skills through a wide range of disciplines chosen from: Aboriginal Studies, Ancient Civilisations, Ancient Greek, Aquaculture, Asian Studies, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Chinese, Computer Science, English, European Studies, French, Geography and Environmental Studies, Geology, German, History, Indonesian, Japanese, Journalism and Media Studies, Latin, Mathematics, Microbiology/Immunology, Natural Environment and Wilderness Studies, Philosophy, Physics, Plant Science, Political Science, Psychology, Public Policy, Social Ecology, Sociology, Gender Studies, Zoology. The program develops general abilities in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written expression • research techniques • linguistic skills • creative self-expression • data acquisition and analysis • capacity to analyse and interpret in a dispassionate and objective manner capacity for reasoned criticism <p>Web: http://courses.utas.edu.au</p>
<p>University of Technology Sydney</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Journalism) UTS Journalism includes streams in print, radio, television and online journalism as well as investigative, political and specialist reporting subjects. The emphasis is on developing journalists who are innovative, reflective and have a strong understanding of the role of journalism and the contexts in which it is practised in Australia and internationally. Web: http://www.uts.edu.au/</p>
<p>University of the Sunshine Coast – Maroochydore, Queensland</p>	<p>Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science This course is designed to help you develop a wide skill-base that is applicable to a broad range of careers. The flexible program structure allows you to choose courses from complementary arts and science areas. For example, you could study environmental planning with sustainability courses, or social and community studies with courses in public health. Web: www.usc.edu.au</p>
<p>University of Western Australia</p>	<p>Bachelor of Science (Science Communication) This programme enables students to combine scientific knowledge with practical skills in communication, applicable in the media, education, museums, industry and elsewhere. Starting from a broad base in science, it leads to the completion of a science major plus a major in Science Communication. Web: http://www.science.uwa.edu.au E-mail: contactscience@uwa.edu.au</p>
<p>University of Wollongong – Wollongong NSW</p>	<p>Bachelor of Journalism Web: http://coursefinder.uow.edu.au</p>

University post graduate

Organisation	Courses
<p>Australian National University – Canberra, ACT</p>	<p>Graduate Certificate in Science Communication Web: www.studyat.anu.edu.au Email: scicomm.gradprog@anu.edu.au</p> <p>Graduate Diploma in Science Communication – The Graduate Diploma in Science Communication is an exciting one-year postgraduate scholarship program in communication, for science, engineering and technology graduates. Jointly run by the Australian National University's Centre for the Public Awareness of Science and Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre, the program includes travel to regional areas of Australia staffing the Shell Questacon Science Circus.</p> <p>Master of Science Communication – Entry to the Masters program is available to suitably qualified candidates including those who hold a degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours (2A) or a pass degree and relevant work experience, or those who have completed the Graduate Diploma in Science Communication at Merit level or higher. Entry is also available to those candidates whose qualifications and experience are determined to be equivalent to or superior to the above degrees.</p> <p>Master of Applied Epidemiology – The Master of Applied Epidemiology (MAE) is a training program designed to help develop Australia's public health capabilities and systems. National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health (NCEPH), Web: http://nceph.anu.edu.au</p>
<p>Central Queensland University – various campuses, including Brisbane and regional Queensland</p>	<p>Graduate Certificate in Science Communication (1 year part-time, off campus) Graduate Diploma of Science Communication (2 years part-time, off-campus) Master of Sciences Communication (3 years part-time. Off-Campus study mode, no residential school required. Enrolment open to international students not residing in Australia.) Science Communication programs have been developed in response to demand from students seeking professional development in communication skills within the sciences. The courses involve students in practical science communication settings, using a variety of media. Web: www.cqu.edu.au</p>
<p>Curtin University – Bentley Campus, Perth, WA</p>	<p>Graduate Diploma in Communication and Cultural Studies (Professional Writing and Publishing) Web http://humanities.curtin.edu.au</p>
<p>University of Canberra</p>	<p>Graduate Diploma in Professional Writing The Graduate Diploma in Professional Writing develops professional graduate-level creative writing and editing skills. The course provides an opportunity for graduates of other disciplines to learn about the structure and function of the publishing industry, acquire skills relating to the production of work in electronic and print media and develop multi-disciplinary creative writing skills. It is suitable for professionals from other backgrounds considering a career change into publishing. Students completing the Graduate Certificate of Professional Writing (Editing) may seek admission to the graduate diploma. Web: http://www.canberra.edu.au</p>

<p>University of New England – Armidale NSW</p>	<p>Research in Writing (unit offered on-line in postgraduate program) The unit focuses on the enhancement of research skills for writing. It examines a broad range of English-language genres and texts. It introduces students to the major research tools (print, electronic, web) for textual study in English, and the skills appropriate to their use. The unit lays particular stress on evaluating the authority and appropriateness of research sources to selected writing genres. Students will apply research skills they have learned successfully to plan and execute a writing project. The projects will be based on case studies, which generate applications for writing in English, for example: a communications policy report, a political editorial, a science magazine article. Web: http://www.une.edu.au</p>
<p>University of New South Wales</p>	<p>Postgraduate Science Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Graduate Certificate - Workshops for Postgrad Students & Staff - PhD Study - Graduate Certificate in Science Communication <p>A postgraduate offering in the science communication program is currently being planned, though University approval of the program is required first. The program is intended to address strategies for communicating about science and technology through courses in four areas –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science in society • Media strategies • Interpersonal and organisational communication • In depth study of science <p>The graduate certificate program is designed to be completed in one year.</p> <p>Workshops for Postgraduate Students and Academic Staff Workshops for postgraduate students and academic staff have been offered since 2002. Initial workshops focussed on communication strategies that are critical for a scientist who needs to work with the media and for those acting as tutors or laboratory demonstrators in scientific areas. We have also had a workshop on how to make your first web page and one on how new ideas spread. Workshop content and methods are similar to those used successfully to PhD graduates now working in government, industry, and educational settings. Web: http://www.science.unsw.edu.au or http://www.scom.unsw.edu.au</p>
<p>University of Queensland –</p>	<p>Introduction to Science Communication This course provides an introduction to the key theories of communication applied in a scientific context. In addition, the course examines the nature of science and how certain features of science complicate communication. Students are welcome on this course from a background in the sciences, humanities, and social sciences. Students on this course do not need a science background (any specific science will be discussed and explained in class). Those with a scientific background will find that the readings are different than what they might be familiar with from study in the sciences. This, too, will be addressed in the course. In short, this is a great start for people interested in interdisciplinary work. Web: http://www.uq.edu.au</p>

University of Sydney	<p>Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Master in Health Communication</p> <p>The School of Public Health and the Department of Media and Communications offer these programs are offered by coursework. The degrees will equip students with knowledge, understanding and expertise across media and health disciplines, using a cross disciplinary, collaborative approach to media production, media relations, organisational communication, public health, campaign development, advocacy, health promotion, bioethics and understanding of health systems.</p> <p>http://www.health.usyd.edu.au/future/coursework/healthcommunication</p>
University of Sydney	<p>Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate and Master of Media Practice</p> <p>The program will teach elements of media practice, including writing for media, and media liaison, broadcast journalism skills, ethical and legal issues, and theories of mass communication.</p> <p>Media Practice focuses on media industry practice, including the areas of writing for media, media liaison, broadcast and online journalism skills, ethical and legal issues in the media, and theories of mass communication. Students will develop their written and spoken communication skills and their production skills in print and broadcast media contexts. They will develop a sophisticated understanding of media production and reception.</p> <p>Web: http://www.usyd.edu.au</p>
University of Tasmania	<p>Graduate certificate, Graduate Diploma, Masters in Journalism, Media and Communications</p> <p>The postgraduate coursework program in Journalism, Media and Communications provides students with core media skills - practical and analytical - and the opportunity to specialise within the field of journalism, media and communications. The program offers a selection of 'base' units, each of which is designed to allow students - in consultation with teaching staff - to focus on a specific area within the broader field, such as environmental and science communications, sports media, print, broadcast and convergent journalism, or public relations. As students progress through the program, they develop both the skills required by industry and to work independently, and a specialised knowledge.</p> <p>Web: http://courses.utas.edu.au</p>
University of Technology Sydney	<p>Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, & Master of Arts in Journalism</p> <p>The Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Master of Arts in Journalism are part of an articulated program of study for people who want to start a journalism career, and for experienced journalists wanting to broaden their skills and professional technological expertise and refresh the intellectual basis of their practice.</p> <p>Web: http://www.handbook.uts.edu.au</p>
University Sunshine Coast – Maroochydore, Queensland	<p>Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma in Journalism</p> <p>Web: www.usc.edu.au</p>
University of Western Australia – Perth WA	<p>Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma in Science Communication</p> <p>Sharing the excitement of science and being able to transform scientific information into accessible, understandable knowledge for the public is the key business of a science communicator.</p> <p>Employment opportunities for science communication graduates exist in journalism (including popular science writing, print media, TV and radio), research institutes, government-funded research organisations, science and technology industries (such as pharmaceutical companies), education and government departments (such as CSIRO), and community health.</p> <p>Web: http://www.science.uwa.edu.au E-mail: contactscience@uwa.edu.au</p>

<p>University of Wollongong – Wollongong NSW</p>	<p>Journalism The Graduate Certificate in Journalism is for students who have completed a degree in a non-related discipline who are seeking a professional qualification in journalism. Web: http://coursefinder.uow.edu.au</p>
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Short Courses, TAFE, workshops and seminars

Organisation	Course
<p>Charles Darwin University – Darwin NT</p>	<p>Writing Effective Reports and Documents 2 day course Course content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a research plan • Gathering, analysing and classifying information • Preparing a flow chart and free writing the first draft • Writing, editing and presenting the report • Writing for impact • Quoting and giving references • Conclusions and recommendations • The executive summary and introduction Course outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and analyse information • Gather and organise information • Write clearly and logically • Develop options, a conclusion and recommendations Web: www.cdu.edu.au/aimcourses</p>
<p>Menzies School of Health Research – Casuarina Northern Territory</p>	<p>See website for seminars of interest to researchers and medical writers http://www.menzies.edu.au</p>
<p>University of Southern Queensland – Toowoomba Queensland</p>	<p>Professional Development Courses Introduction to Journalism Web: www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current/conted/conted.html</p>
<p>University of Technology Sydney</p>	<p>Australian Centre for Independent Journalism Short Courses: Writing for Publication This practical course will enhance your writing skills and give you the information needed to write clearly, simply and effectively. Writing for Publication covers grammar, defining news, structure and planning, identifying a target audience, headline writing, interviewing techniques, media releases and effective ways to communicate through the media. People who write newsletters, journals, journal articles, reports and media releases for their organisations will benefit from attending. It's also useful for people interested in developing their basic writing style and skills. Web: http://www.acij.uts.edu.au/shortcourses/index.html</p>
<p>Western Sydney Institute (TAFE)</p>	<p>Diploma of Communications and Media Web: http://wsi.tafensw.edu.au E-mail: askwsi@tafensw.edu.au</p>
<p>Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics Unit</p>	<p>Various workshops including <i>Introduction to Biostatistics, Getting started in clinical research</i> (includes medical writing) Web: http://www.rch.org.au/cebu</p>

TAFE NSW Open Training and Education Network – Distance Education courses	Communicating in the media Web: http://www.oten.edu.au
TAFE Victoria – on-campus at various Melbourne and regional Victoria campuses	Certificate III Media (Screen and Radio) Certificate III and Diploma Broadcasting –Radio Web: http://www.tafe.vic.gov.au
TAFE South Australia – locations Mt Gambier and Port Lincoln	Double Certificate IV in Interactive Digital Media, Screen and Design (Incorporating: Certificate IV in Screen and Media, Certificate IV in Interactive Digital Media) E-mail: tafeinfo@saugov.sa.gov.au Web: http://www.courses.tafesa.edu.au
TAFE South Australia – Adelaide Centre for the Arts	Advanced Diploma of Arts (Professional Writing) Incorporating: Diploma of Arts (Professional Writing) Web: http://www.courses.tafesa.edu.au
TAFE Queensland – Brisbane and regional campuses	Certificate III Media (Film, television, radio) Web: http://www.tafe.qld.gov.au
TAFE Western Australia	Certificate III Media (Film, television, radio) Web: http://psc.tafe.wa.edu.au
Canberra Institute of Technology (TAFE)	Journalism - Advanced Diploma Media Communication - Advanced Diploma Media Production - Certificate III to Advanced Diploma Web: http://www.cit.act.edu.au
Tasmanian Polytechnic (TAFE)	Certificate III Media (Film, television, radio) Web: www.polytechnic.tas.edu.au

Private course providers

Biotext Pty Ltd	<i>Successful science writing and editing</i> – Course offered in 2009 Canberra, Brisbane and Sydney Web: http://www.biotext.com.au
Writing Clear Science	Two day workshop style course Web: www.writingclearscience.com.au
N&H Communications	Technical writing courses Web: http://www.nhcommunications.com.au
Macleay College, Sydney	Diploma Journalism Web: http://www.macleay.edu.au
Sydney Writers Centre, Milsons Point, Sydney	Short courses – include <i>Writing for Magazines and Newspapers</i> Seminars include: <i>Successful freelancing</i> Web: http://www.sydneywriterscentre.com.au
NSW Writers Centre, Rozelle, Sydney	Workshops at the centre include – <i>Health writing</i> <i>Writing features and reviews for magazines and newspapers</i> <i>Professional editing</i> Web: http://www.nswwriterscentre.org.au



Victorian Writers Centre, Melbourne	Various courses on writing for newspapers and magazines, editing and freelancing Web: http://www.vwc.org.au
Abelard Consulting, Melbourne	Courses – Technical writing, Scientific writing Web: http://www.abelard.com.au
Proscribe	Medical Writing courses Web: http://www.proscribe.com.au

Societies and Peak bodies Australia

AMWA Professional Development Program (PDP)	Information about the AMWA PDP Program is available on the website. PDP workshops are held at the annual AMWA conference and may be offered at other times and venues www.medicalwriters.org
Australian Society for Technical Communication	Two branches – New South Wales and Victoria – provide information regarding courses and conferences throughout Australia See websites: www.astcsw.org.au or http://astcvic.org.au
Association of Regulatory and Clinical Scientists (ARCS)	Various courses for those working in the pharmaceutical industry are offered throughout the year. For information see the website www.arcs.com.au
Public Relations Institute of Australia (PRIA)	PRIA offers workshops and courses in all Australian states and ACT. For information see the website www.pria.com.au
Board of Editors in the Life Sciences	BELS certification process is an examination held at least three times each year in various locations across the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia and Asia. Website: www.bels.org
IPED – Institute of Professional Editors (formerly CASE council of Australian society of Editors)	IPED host one-day workshops from time to time in various aspects of writing and editing and an annual national conference, accreditation examination and guide to editing standards Web: http://iped-editors.org/content/home-page Each State and ACT has a Society of Editors Branch and local events are advertised on the websites
Society of Editors (NSW)	http://www.editorsnsw.com/workshops.htm
Society of Editors (ACT)	http://www.editorscanberra.org
Society of Editors (QLD)	http://www.editorsqld.com
Society of Editors (SA)	http://www.editors-sa.org.au
Society of Editors (TAS)	http://www.tas-editors.org.au
Society of Editors (VIC)	http://www.socedvic.org
Society of Editors (WA)	http://www.editorswa.com

Other organisations USA & UK

European Medical Writers Association	The EMWA Professional Development Programme (EPDP) provides high-quality training for medical writers through workshops and homework assignments. Web: http://www.emwa.org/training.html
Council of Science Editors	This is a USA based international organisation that offers short courses as pre conference workshops annually for editors and copy editors. For information see the website www.councilscienceeditors.org
Society for Editors and Proof readers (SfEP)	UK based society that offers support and training Web: http://www.sfep.org.uk
American Medical Writers Association	AMWA offers continuing education courses – workshops, certificate courses and self study modules on CD Web www.amwa.org