

## Technical Writers

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**Description:** Write technical materials, such as equipment manuals, appendices, or operating and maintenance instructions. May assist in layout work.

### Other Resources:

[ONET Link](#)

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**Sample of Reported Job Titles:** Documentation Designer, Documentation Specialist, Engineering Writer

### Job Zone

**Title:** 4 - Considerable Preparation Needed

**Education:** Require a four-year bachelor's degree.

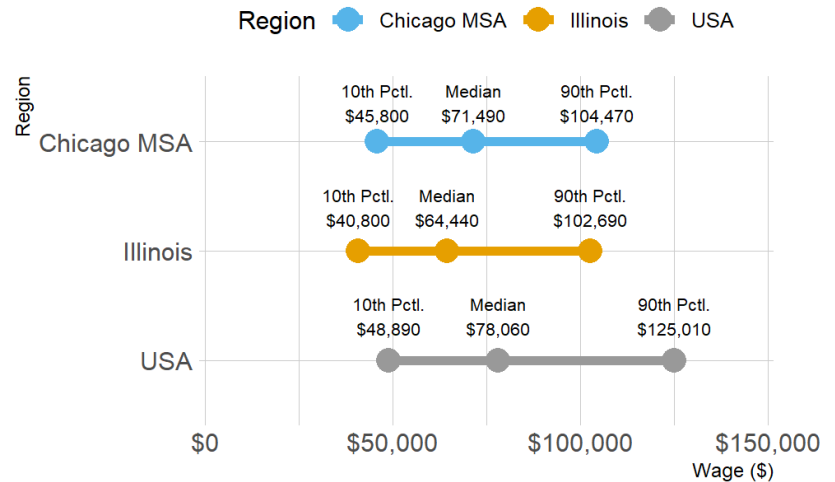
**Experience:** A considerable amount of work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is needed.

**Training:** Several years of work-related experience, on-the-job training, and/or vocational training needed.

**Core Certifications:** Certified Professional Technical Communicator - Foundational

**Hot Technologies:** Adobe Systems Adobe Acrobat, Adobe Systems Adobe Creative Cloud, Adobe Systems Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Systems Adobe InDesign

Region	Employment	Location Quotient	Median Wage
Chicago MSA	1,260	0.88	\$71,490
Illinois	1,620	0.85	\$64,440
USA	47,620	—	\$78,060



### Top 5 Core Tasks According to Current Job Holders

**Importance**  
**Frequency (out of 100)**

Organize material and complete writing assignment according to set standards regarding order, clarity, conciseness, style, and terminology.

Hourly or more

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Maintain records and files of work and revisions.

Daily

85

Edit, standardize, or make changes to material prepared by other writers or establishment personnel.

More than weekly

81

Select photographs, drawings, sketches, diagrams, and charts to illustrate material.

Daily

80

Interview production and engineering personnel and read journals and other material to become familiar with product technologies and production methods.

More than weekly

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