



Careers in Publishing

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My background

- BSc (Hons) in Biology
 - Modular course
 - Long assignments
- Over three years at The Royal Pharmaceutical Society
 - Content creation
 - Proofing reading and quality assurance
 - Production



What is STM publishing?

Scientific, technical, and medical publishing.



Journals



Textbooks



Monographs



Reference works



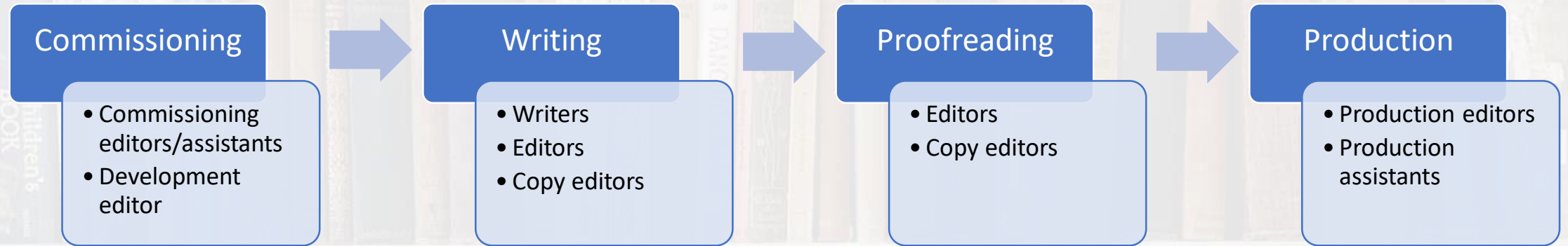
Guidelines and Standards



Test preparation content

Most commonly produced by publishing houses, societies and medical communication companies

Publishing process and roles



There are also many roles that aren't specific to a stage of the process such as editors, editorial/publishing assistants, and developers.

The diagram highlights editorial and production roles as this is where someone with subject-specific knowledge would usually work.

Work life, salaries, perks

- Work-life balance
- Often flexible with working preferences
- Usual starting salary is £25k but can be higher for larger publishing houses and medical communications
- Lots of progression opportunities and transferable skills
- Travel opportunities
- Interesting content!



What qualities do we look for in candidates?



General skills

- Time management
- Organisational skills
- Ability to work in a team
- Strong attention to detail
- Clear writing style

Background and experience

- Degree in related field
- Familiarity with journal databases
- Ability to interpret complex data

What should you expect after applying?



Editorial tests

- Proofreading exercises
- Tests to assess abilities to identify and collate relevant information
- Can be before, during, or after an interview



Interview

- Competency-based questions
- Demonstrate ability to manage deadlines
- Potentially multiple rounds

Tips for graduate-level publishing job applications



Highlight relevant university modules



Any extracurricular activities that involved balancing deadlines or responsibilities



Any experience with scientific software (anything from statistics to referencing tools)



Experience working in a team





Questions?
