



# EDITORS AT A GLANCE

IS THIS PROFESSION FOR ME?

## Developmental Editor

### JOB DESCRIPTION

Working with writers, a developmental editor helps them refine their concepts, storyline, characters, and general organization. They offer suggestions on how to make the story, storyline, and character arcs flow better overall.

Developmental editors concentrate on the format and substance of authors' books and other diverse initiatives. Issues with a vague audience or an uneven tone also frequently arise in development editing.

### REQUIRED EDUCATION

BA in journalism, English, communication, or a similar discipline. Writing, grammar, editing, and literary classes are also required.

### WAGES

As of October 25, 2023, the average compensation for a development editor in the United States is \$65,324. General Range varies depending on state.

Salaries range from \$61,000 - \$94,000

Nationwide- \$59,523

Arkansas- \$65,728

## Acquisition Editor

### JOB DESCRIPTION

Acquisitions editors are in charge of evaluating submissions, assigning writers to particular projects, and determining if a piece has commercial potential. In the literary world, they resemble headhunters. An acquisitions editor's job is to find and prepare academic papers, trade books, and other written works for printing in print or digital media. Reading manuscripts, adhering to financial constraints, negotiating royalties, completing contracts for new books and reprints, cultivating connections with writers and agents, and hiring outside contributors like photographers and illustrators are typical.

### REQUIRED EDUCATION

BA in journalism, English, communication, or a similar discipline. Writing, grammar, editing, and literary classes are also required.

### WAGES

The average compensation for an acquisition editor in the United States is \$60,342.

Salaries range from \$69,000 - \$127,000:

Nationwide- \$54,000

Arkansas- \$59,622

## What's an Editor

There are many different types of editors. However, all have basic similar functions, though their roles may vary. An editor reviews, edits, and corrects written materials like books, articles, and reports to ensure factual, understandable, and well-organized information. They assess content coherence, style, tone, and structure, provide author suggestions, fact-check claims, ensure formatting adherence, and correct language, spelling, and punctuation mistakes.

## Editor Objectives

When writing for any kind of purpose—academic, professional, or creative—editors are an invaluable resource. The main job of editors is to polish written content by fixing typographical, grammatical, syntactic, and punctuation mistakes. By rearranging sentences and paragraphs, they also improve the text's clarity and coherence by making sure that ideas flow naturally and logically. Editors are educated to spot contradictions, errors, and unclear passages in the text and offer the necessary changes to fix them. Apart from their proficiency in editing, editors also offer writers insightful criticism and direction, enabling them to improve the quality and clarity of their work.

# Content Editor

## JOB DESCRIPTION

A content editor is a specialist who manages a client's, company's, or organization's publishing requirements.

Conceptualizing, creating, editing, and analyzing content are frequently steps in their process.

Although they frequently work on almost every stage of the content creation process, content editors' main duties are editing, revising, and finishing content. During this process, written content is carefully edited and proofread for any spelling, grammar, or syntactic errors. They assist in creating content strategies that identify the most effective channels of communication, which necessitates a thorough comprehension of the connection between the target audience and the content. In the event that the team does not have a designated content writer, they may also write and produce content for the client or organization they work for.

## REQUIRED EDUCATION

BA in journalism, English, communication, or a similar discipline.

## WAGES

The average compensation for a content editor in the United States is \$75,144. General Range varies depending on state.

Salaries range from \$34,500 - \$125,000

Nationwide- \$75,144

Arkansas- \$60,890

# Copy Editor

## JOB DESCRIPTION

A copy editor is a qualified individual who edits, fact-checks, and proofreads content to ensure that style guidelines are followed and proper grammar, syntax, and punctuation are used<sup>1234</sup>. They can produce, edit, and modify content for employers for any industry. A copy editor can create, edit, and proofread content for authors or employers in any industry. Copy editors ensure that all written material, including books, articles, and web content, is grammatically accurate, readable, and aligned with the company's brand and target audience.

## REQUIRED EDUCATION

BA in journalism, English, communication, or a similar discipline.

## WAGES

The average compensation for a copy editor in the United States is \$62,599. General Range varies depending on state.

Salaries range from \$24,000 - \$122,000

Nationwide- \$61,069

Arkansas- \$59,809

# Technical Editor

## JOB DESCRIPTION

Technical editors are in charge of editing, proofreading, and revising technical content in technical writers' works. They check to make sure the writing is precise, accurate and devoid of grammatical, punctuation, and content errors<sup>1</sup>. In addition, technical editors can write their own content, create graphics and layouts, manage websites, and create web content. Examining and editing technical documents for correctness, clarity, grammar, spelling, punctuation, content, and style is the responsibility of a technical editor. collaborating with developers and researchers to maintain consistency and quality in the documentation. directing the work of technical writers and providing them with comments and guidance. Organizing and supervising a project's documentation procedure and outputs.

## REQUIRED EDUCATION

BA in journalism, English, communication, or a similar discipline.

## WAGES

<sup>1</sup>The average compensation for a copy editor in the United States is \$61,585. General Range varies depending on state.

Salaries range from \$30,950 - \$93,500

Nationwide- \$65,985

Arkansas-\$71,789

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