A degree in English equips you with a variety of highly marketable transferable skills. From written and verbal communication to analytical thinking and research skills, both your major coursework and your liberal studies classes help you to develop, fine tune, and exemplify the skills employers are seeking in new hires. Below are just a few examples of the many fields or general areas you might consider. However, keep in mind that English majors have also found success in a much wider variety of professions, such as counseling, project management, consulting, higher education administration, and more. To learn more about where some of DePaul University’s English alumni have found their success, visit ask.depaul.edu!

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<td>• Magazines/trade publications</td>
<td>• Take coursework with significant writing requirements that will allow you to build a portfolio of writing samples.</td>
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<td>• Communication departments within large organizations</td>
<td>• Build a portfolio.</td>
<td>• American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA)</td>
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<td>• Colleges and universities</td>
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<td>• Government agencies</td>
<td>• Write for the campus newspaper, department newsletters, or contributing to blogs or editorials.</td>
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<td>• Seek out internships or part-time jobs that allow you to practice your writing or editing skills.</td>
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<td>• Social Media/Blogging Intern</td>
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<td>• Find volunteer opportunities where you can work on newsletters, write for websites or develop internal or external communications.</td>
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<td>• Pursue a Minor</td>
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<td>• Identify minors that will complement your skill set like Communication and Media, Journalism or Radio, TV and New Media.</td>
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<td>PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING</td>
<td>Public Relations firms • Advertising agencies • In-house PR and advertising departments within large organizations • Nonprofit organizations • Government agencies</td>
<td><strong>Sharpen Your Skills</strong> • Take courses in public relations or advertising and look for opportunities to practice these skills on campus. • Build a portfolio. • Work on advertising campaigns for student events, look for opportunities to work in teams and develop a portfolio of creative writing samples. <strong>Gain Experience</strong> • Getting hands-on experience in public relations and advertising is very important. It’s difficult to get a full-time position in these areas without having done at least one internship before you graduate. • Seek out an internship that will give you exposure to the work demands and enable you to build your skills. Be prepared to start at the bottom. <strong>Network</strong> • Join student organizations like PRSSA and Adventers and attend professional association events. <strong>Pursue a Minor</strong> • A minor in Communication Studies or Relational, Group and Organizational Communication could help build the strong communication skills needed in these fields.</td>
<td>MPI Media Group • WBBM-FM/B96 • 3rd Coast Public Relations • Flowers Communications Group • Fleishman-Hillard • John G. Shedd Aquarium • Ann &amp; Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago • Lincoln Park Zoo • Ogilvy • Ketchum • Golin Harris • Leo Burnett</td>
<td>• Promotions Coordinator • Assistant Director of Communications • Social Media Content Creator • Brand Ambassador • Public Relations Specialist</td>
<td>• Marketing &amp; Publicity Intern • PR Intern • Multicultural Public Relations Intern • Social Media Intern • Corporate Relations Intern • Public Affairs Intern • Media Relations Intern • Member Relations Intern • Content Strategy Intern</td>
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<td>Publishing houses • University presses • Educational publishing • Magazine publishers • Independent publishers</td>
<td><strong>Sharpen Your Skills</strong> • Look for opportunities to sharpen your skills by writing for student publications and participating in publishing workshops. • Develop extensive language and grammar skills. • Take classes in desktop publishing. • Take advantage of The Writing Center to get feedback and input on your writing. <strong>Gain Experience</strong> • Obtain an internship in the publishing industry or look for opportunities to write and edit for local organizations. Be prepared to relocate to cities like New York where the majority of opportunities exist. <strong>Pursue a Minor</strong> • Consider a minor in Professional Writing to broaden your skills.</td>
<td>Pioneer Press • TLT Publishing • Quintessence Publishing Company • Northwestern University Press • TimeOut Chicago magazine • Scranton Gillette Communications • Sun-Times Media • Chicago Tribune</td>
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<td>Many English majors choose to pursue teaching as a profession. The College of Education, in cooperation with the English Department, offers a concentration in Secondary English Education that satisfies the requirements for certification for teaching English at the junior high and secondary school levels.</td>
<td><strong>Sharpen Your Skills</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Look for opportunities to tutor, participate in after school programs or volunteer at organizations that offer homework programs for kids.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Gain Experience</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Apply for tutoring and mentorship positions in The Writing Center. Student teach. Teach English abroad.</td>
<td>• Chicago Public Schools&lt;br&gt;• Union League Boys &amp; Girls Club&lt;br&gt;• Jumpstart AmeriCorP&lt;br&gt;• Teach for America&lt;br&gt;• City Year&lt;br&gt;• Chicago Public Library&lt;br&gt;• Alternative Schools Network</td>
<td><strong>Job Titles</strong>&lt;br&gt;• English Teacher&lt;br&gt;• Reading Teacher&lt;br&gt;• Tutor&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Internship Titles</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Summer Reading Program Intern&lt;br&gt;• Literacy Intern</td>
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<td><strong>TECHNICAL WRITING</strong></td>
<td>English majors learn concise writing skills and analytical skills that can help them excel at jobs in this field including authoring instruction manuals, writing user’s guides and creating training materials.</td>
<td><strong>Sharpen Your Skills</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Take courses in technical communication and ones that have strong writing requirements. Find opportunities to sharpen your research skills. Create some sample documentation.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Gain Experience</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Obtain an internship or start a blog that demonstrates your technical writing or that shows your passion for technical communication.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Broaden Your Skills</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Consider taking courses in technical and professional writing or in science and technology. Find out what tools are most often used in your area of interest and spend some time learning them (e.g. SnagIt, InDesign, Photoshop).</td>
<td>• McMaster-Carr&lt;br&gt;• ICura&lt;br&gt;• InnerWorkings&lt;br&gt;• Upp Technology</td>
<td><strong>Job Titles</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Keyword Search and Index Specialist&lt;br&gt;• Junior Technical Writer&lt;br&gt;• Professional Writer&lt;br&gt;• Medical Advertising Writer&lt;br&gt;• Content Writer</td>
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<td>• Johnson &amp; Krol, LLC&lt;br&gt;• Law Offices of Chapekis, Marcus, Allen, and Chapekis&lt;br&gt;• Bates &amp; Carey LLP&lt;br&gt;• Surdyk &amp; Baker</td>
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