

## What Can I Do With a Major in **CREATIVE WRITING**?

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When studying Creative Writing, you learn about the power of language and the structures of storytelling. Creative writing programs increase your vocabulary, understanding of style and form, and creative thinking abilities. Your knowledge of literature strengthens your analytical and interpretive skills and your understanding of human interaction. These qualities, coupled with the ability to communicate correctly, clearly, and effectively verbally and in writing, opens the door to many career opportunities.

### **Typical Coursework**

British Literature	Drama
American Literature	Global Literature
The Novel	Poetry
Short Stories	Children's Literature
Screenwriting	Literary Criticism
Playwriting	Research Techniques
Creative Nonfiction	Publication Practices

### **Related Major Skills**

Influencing and persuading	Clear self expression
Clarifying ideas	Making oral presentations
Creative problem solving	Storytelling in multiple formats
Interpreting ideas	Summarizing ideas
Thinking outside the box	Editing skills
Creative writing	Strong verbal and written communication skills

### **Directly Related Occupations**

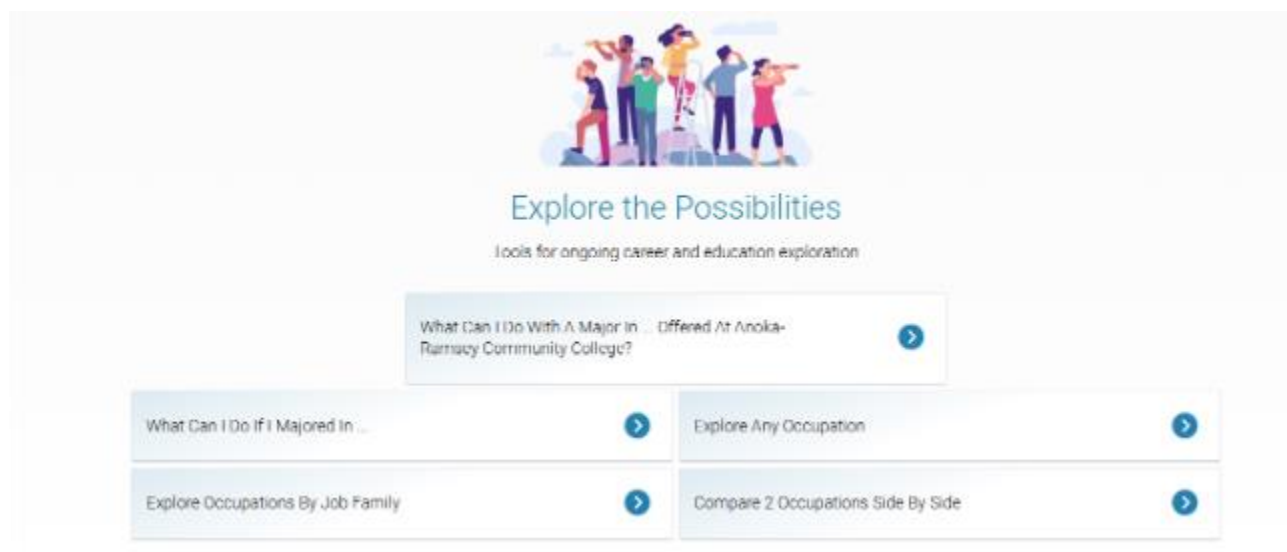
Advertising Copywriter	Manuscript Reader
Author	News Reporter
Biographer	Novelist
Book Critic	Playwright
Communications Manager	Proofreader
Copywriter	Publisher
Creative Writer	Radio/TV Commentator
Editor	Speech Writer
Freelance Writer	Technical Writer
Greeting Card Writer	Grant Writer
High School Teacher	Marketing director
Journalist	University & College Professor
Librarian	Video Scriptwriter/Producer
Magazine Writer	Content Writer
Events Coordinator	Digital Writer/Editor
Communications Writer	

## Who Hires for this Occupation?

Advertising companies, newspapers, magazine & book publishers, public relations & marketing departments, Internet content departments, events and outreach departments, TV & radio stations, religious & civic organizations, arts nonprofits, trade publications, libraries, and schools.

## Focus2

Visit **FOCUS2** (use ARCC credentials to sign-in) for more information regarding **related occupations and average salaries** and explore **other related majors**. You can also take **assessments** to match your skills, interests, and values to potential careers and majors.



## Minnesota Colleges & Universities with Undergraduate Degrees in Creative Writing

Augsburg College

\*Bemidji State University

College of Saint Benedict

College St. Olaf College

Concordia College

Gustavus Adolphus

Hamline University

\*Metropolitan State University

Macalester College

\*Minnesota State Univ., Mankato

\*Southwest Minnesota State University

St. John's University

St. Catherine University

\*St. Cloud State University

University of St. Thomas

\*Winona State University

\*Anoka-Ramsey Community College offers a [Creative Writing Associate in Fine Arts Degree](#) built with the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) as its foundation. The MnTC will fulfill general education requirements at designated Minnesota State System Universities.

^Anoka-Ramsey Community College offers a [Creative Writing Certificate](#) that may culminate in a capstone in one or multiple genres.

Search for majors and colleges at [Minnesota State System Colleges and University](#).

## **Professional Association Links**

[Association of American Publishers](#)

[Association of Directory of Publishers](#)

[Association of Writers and Writing Programs](#)

[Magazine Publishers of America](#)

[National Newspaper Publishing Association](#)

[National Book Critics Circle](#)

[National Writers Union](#)

[Small Publishers, Artists, & Writers Network](#)

## **For More Information**

Contact ARCC Counseling (Coon Rapids and Cambridge) at (763) 433-1100 or stop by the campus Information Desk

### ***Information adapted from:***

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[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

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[Career Center at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington](#)