

Elliott Vanskike, M.A., Ph.D.

Writing, Editing, Research, Document Design & Production

Practiced researcher and writer with extensive experience in all aspects of production. Thirty years of experience as a medical/technical writer, including work with the MCAT, Scientific American, and pharmaceutical advertisers.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Elliott Vanskike is a practiced and accomplished writer, researcher, and editor, who has excelled in medical/behavioral health communications as well as academic and popular writing over the course of four decades. He has a thorough understanding of all aspects of document production, from research through writing, copyediting, proofreading and publication, and excels at bringing out the best in a piece of writing.

CAREER EXPERIENCE

Growth Partners, LLC, Lincoln, Nebraska

Managing Editor (2022–present)

- Develop, write, edit and oversee production of white papers, reports, data analyses, infographics, and websites for firm dedicated to using information to improve outcomes for its clients.
- Work with clients at state level to find solutions to behavioral health challenges.
- Collaborate with freelance designers to produce engaging posters, brochures, and other materials to educate and stakeholders and decision makers

JBS International, Inc., North Bethesda, Maryland

Managing Editor/Senior Writer (2003–2021)

- Researched, wrote, edited, and oversaw publication of award-winning manuals on treatment of substance abuse in the Treatment Improvement Protocol series for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT); wrote and edited treatment and family education manuals for marijuana treatment; wrote and conducted interviews for series of family education videos for loved ones of people in recovery from methamphetamine abuse; researched and wrote literature reviews on substance abuse prevention and treatment efforts for youth in the workplace for CSAT's Knowledge Application Program.
- Edited and wrote state system assessments and reports on technical assistance (TA) to help states build their substance abuse prevention capacity.
- Researched, wrote, and edited award-winning white papers and guidance documents for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Supported CSAP's TA and site visit activities that provide oversight of states' implementation of the Synar Regulation that helps reduce youth retail tobacco access.



Portland Community College, Portland, Oregon

Grant Writer (2002)

- Researched, developed, and wrote grants for community college grants office that brought in more than \$14 million annually.
- Tracked state and federal congressional appropriations; worked with faculty and administrators to put together fundable programs.
- Acted as chief liaison between the college and community partners, including schools, community-based organizations, universities, and other colleges; conducted grant-writing workshops for faculty and community-based organizations.

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

Instructor/Adjunct Professor (1988–1992, 1996–2000)

- Designed and taught literature classes in well-respected university English program.
- Administered joint English Department–College of Business writing project designed to improve the composition skills of M.B.A. students.

KPR, Inc., New York, New York

Managing Editor (1995–1996)

- Supervised in-house staff of 4 editors and pool of 30 freelance editors.
- Conducted research in medical journals and online databases, and worked with medical writers and physicians to ensure accuracy and legality of healthcare advertising.

Scientific American, Inc., New York, New York

Editor/Writer (1994)

- Developed, edited, and supervised the production of chapters on medicine and surgery for renowned medical textbooks, Scientific American Medicine and Scientific American Surgery, and edited articles for The Cancer Journal.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Platinum Communicator Award, White Paper, 2013.

Improving Awareness and Treatment of Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and Co-Occurring Psychiatric Disorders

Awards of Excellence, Communicator Award, Print Brochure, 2009.

KAP Keys for Clinicians Based on TIP 47, and KAP Quick Guide for Clinicians Based on TIP 47

Merit Award, National Health Information Award, Book, 2007.

Client's Handbook: Matrix Intensive Outpatient Treatment for People With Stimulant Use Disorders

Award of Excellence, APEX, Health, Fitness & Medical Writing, 2007.

Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP) 46: Substance Abuse—Administrative Issues in Outpatient Treatment

Award of Excellence, Communicator Award, Technical Writing, 2006.

Brief Counseling for Marijuana Dependence: A Manual for Treating Adults

EDUCATION

Ph.D., English Literature | University of Iowa, 2000

M.A., English Literature | University of Iowa, 1997

B.A., English and Psychology | Rutgers College, 1986

