

CAREER BRIEF



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
BAKERSFIELD

Department of English

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A DEGREE IN ENGLISH?

NATIONAL AVERAGE SALARY:

- \$86,650 per year

DEGREES:

- **Bachelor's Degree** in English or related subject
- **Master's Degree** in English, Composition, TESOL, or related subject

KEY COURSES:

- **ENGL 5110:** Approaches to the Analysis of Writing
- **ENGL 5120:** Rhetorical Theory
- **ENGL 5130:** Composition Theory & Practice
- **ENGL 5140:** Methods and Materials in Teaching Second Language Writing
- **ENGL 5150:** Teaching Basic Writers
- **ENGL 6000:** English Practicum

Community College English Professor

Community College English Professors instruct students in introductory composition, literature, creative writing, and English as a Second Language. Unlike university professors, their primary focus is on teaching and student success rather than research. Full-time faculty enjoy tenure and benefits, while adjuncts often teach across multiple institutions on a semester-by-semester basis. Community college instructors need expertise in creating course syllabi, materials, and assignments and should also have a passion and talent for working with students from various cultural backgrounds and ability levels.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- **National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)** – <https://ncte.org/>
- **NCTE Two-Year College English Association (TYCA)** – <https://ncte.org/groups/tyca/tyca-about-us/>
- **California Teachers Association Higher Education (CTA)** – <https://www.cta.org/for-educators/meet-cta/highered>
- **Community College Association (CCA)** – <https://cca4us.org/>

CREDENTIALS/CERTIFICATIONS/CERTIFICATES:

- **CSUB Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Writing** – <https://www.csub.edu/english/degrees/minors-certificates.shtml>