

Reporter II

ABC Public Radio seeks an experienced, storytelling-driven reporter for WXYZ's health desk. In addition to contributing health-related content to the newsroom, the health unit is launching a new weekly podcast for a national audience. The show will tell powerful stories about how health transforms our lives, whether it's through our daily habits, a life-changing illness or a groundbreaking medical discovery.

The ideal candidate is both an enterprising reporter and an expert storyteller; equally skilled at digging through data and research, writing compelling scripts with personality, and gathering memorable tape from colorful characters. Successful candidates will have produced original, significant journalism and will demonstrate a sophisticated curiosity on topics spanning the health unit's subject matter: medicine and science, personal health, and national healthcare issues.

The reporter will demonstrate a willingness to experiment with new tools and ways of telling stories on every platform – audio, video, the web and social media. We are looking for someone with a clear voice and personality who will have a strong presence on the podcast and interact well with our host.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Contribute ideas for the podcast, news features and website: interview subjects, reported stories, series, themes and listener engagement projects
- Write and produce content for website
- Actively engage our audience on social media
- Read constantly to discover unexpected and important angles related to health and health care
- Monitor other podcasts and health publications to help us constantly stay current and continuously improve in both content and storytelling techniques
- Discover personal stories we can tell on-air that reflect larger news issues relating to health and medicine
- Research and conceive special projects in depth
- Make regular appearances on WXYZ talk shows
- Represent WXYZ credibly on other media platforms
- Write and report enterprising features and long-form podcasts about a range of health topics
- Gather and edit audio for your stories

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum five years professional journalism experience; some radio/podcast reporting experience required
- Track record of producing longform narrative reporting

This position is covered by a collective bargaining agreement between ABC Public Radio and SAG-AFTRA.