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Level 5 Diploma

Specialist Teaching Assistant

Enhance the skills and knowledge of experienced teaching assistants, enabling them to take on more advanced roles within education settings and improve the consistency and quality of support provided to learners with complex needs.

Fully funded



Who is this course for?

This course is for experienced teaching assistants who support children and young people with complex needs. It is suitable for colleagues in primary, secondary, special schools, alternative provision, sixth forms and colleges. Roles could include:

- Teaching Assistant
- Learning Support Assistant
- Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)

What qualification will you gain?

Participants on this programme will gain a Level 5 Diploma in Specialist Teaching Assistant alongside a Specialist Teaching Assistant apprenticeship qualification, with an option to undertake an additional module which includes HLTA assessment, leading to the award of HLTA status.

What will you study?

This programme provides progression for teaching assistants looking to further develop their expertise and careers in education. Participants will choose a specialist route: SEND specialism or SEMH specialism. All participants will study the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to provide specialist support to learners in their setting, in addition to developing core competencies such as strategies for advancing learning, planning and assessment, communication, professionalism and understanding legislation and guidance.

Programme start

The programme start date is September 2025.

Express your interest

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Examples of module content

- Learning theories and child development
- Learning differences and barriers to learning
- Behaviour for learning
- Risk assessment
- Planning and assessment
- Reflective practice
- Coaching and mentoring
- Teamwork and professionalism
- Communication tools and technique
- Resource development
- SEND and SEMH specialisms

Teaching, learning and assessment

This is a 19 month qualification followed by an assessment period. Teaching includes face-to-face conference days, remote tutorials, asynchronous study and formative and summative tasks. Participants will learn from experts in the field, and have the opportunity to visit specialist settings where they will see theory and practice put into action. Participants will be supported in their studies and practice by a professional tutor, and a team of programme tutors and expert facilitators. Progress is measured through a virtual portfolio consisting of assignments, evidence of professional competence in work-based situations, and practical demonstrations that apply the knowledge and skills gained. There are no written exams.

End Point Assessment

Upon completion of the programme participants will undertake an End Point Assessment (EPA). This will consist of an observation with questioning, a professional discussion and a portfolio of evidence. An optional assessment for the award of HLTA status is also offered.

English and maths requirements

Applicants should hold or be working towards a Level 2 qualification in maths and English or equivalent. Applicants without level 2 English or maths will have the opportunity to gain these qualifications at no cost as part of the programme of study.

Entry requirements

In addition to the English and maths requirements, applicants must demonstrate the following:

- Minimum age 19
- Prior teaching assistant experience
- Be employed full or part-time in a school or educational setting, working with children or young people
- Completion of an entry assessment and achieved a pass in English and maths initial assessments
- A participant may be ineligible for funding if they hold a higher level qualification in the same area of study. LETTA can advise candidates as to eligibility.

Outcomes

After successfully completing all assessment activities, participants will gain:

- Diploma in Specialist Teaching Assistant (Level 5)
- Specialist Teaching Assistant Level 5 Apprenticeship Qualification
- HLTA Status (optional)

Funding

This qualification is fully funded up to the value of £12,000.

