

# TEACHING ASSISTANT WITH SEND LEVEL 3

 <p><b>Blended learning</b> Including day courses</p>	 <p><b>Course duration</b> 15 months (18 months with Apprenticeship Assessment)</p>	 <p><b>EPA Organisation</b> Training Qualifications UK</p>	 <p><b>Training time</b> Approx. 39 sessions</p>	 <p><b>Funded learning</b> Funded via the Apprenticeship Levy</p>	 <p><b>Apprenticeship level 3</b></p>
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## OVERVIEW

Teaching Assistants support classroom teachers in enhancing students' learning individually or in groups, ensuring pupils and children with SEND understand tasks, know their objectives, and stay on track. They foster self-esteem, social inclusion, and self-belief, promoting wellbeing in a safe, nurturing environment by tailoring communication and behaviour strategies. They work across all grades and age ranges, including with pupils who have special needs or those who are emotionally vulnerable.

They actively assist learners in accessing the curriculum, adapting it where necessary, take part in class meetings, serve as role models, act with integrity, and contribute to planning and activities. They promote fundamental British values and support pupils' spiritual, moral, social, and cultural growth to improve performance and development.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- As an apprentice, you will have approximately 39 educator sessions throughout the duration of your apprenticeship.
- You will see your educator every 2 weeks for your online sessions. These appointments are to discuss your progress, assign you tasks and prepare you for your apprenticeship assessment.
- There are four mandatory day courses that you must attend as part of your apprenticeship. The topics are:
  - Understanding how pupils learn and develop.
  - Assessment for learning.
  - Keeping children safe in education.
  - Communication and teamwork.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Individual employers may set their own entry requirements. The apprentice must already be employed for over 16 hours per week.

- If a candidate is 16-18 they must have achieved maths and English at Level 2 prior to completion of the course. This is something that can be completed with us if needed.
- If a candidate is 19+ and hasn't achieved in Maths and English GCSE before enrolling, it is up to the employer to decide whether these qualifications should be attempted.
- The candidate must be employed in a suitable role.

## TYPICAL JOB ROLES

- Teaching Assistant
- Learning Support Assistant
- Specialist Support Assistant
- Support for Specialist Curriculum Areas

# **COURSE CONTENT**

## **Pupil Learning & Development**

Understand how pupils learn and develop, motivate them to problem-solve, and build positive relationships while embracing change.

## **Curriculum & Assessment**

Work with teachers to support and accurately assess learning, develop strategies for the curriculum, and add value to education through active contribution.

## **Safeguarding & Wellbeing**

Keep children safe in education and promote equality, diversity, and inclusion.

## **Technology & Innovation**

Use technology effectively in teaching and learning.

## **Professional Skills**

Communicate effectively and work well in a team, collaborate and engage with colleagues, and maintain professional standards with personal accountability.

# **SEND TOPICS**

## **Supporting behaviour for children with SEND**

Understand how the behaviours that children with SEND present differently and how these differ from neurotypical peers.

## **Communication and support styles**

Work with teachers and students to support differing communication needs - non-verbal and verbal. Encourage children to express needs and make choices.

## **Provisions and interventions**

Put ongoing arrangements and resources into place so children with SEND can access learning and achieve full potential.

## **Adapting curriculum**

Tailor teaching, learning content and delivery methods to meet needs of students.

## **Professional services**

Collaborate with professional services to develop a holistic, consistent and effective support plan for children with SEND.

# **APPRENTICESHIP ASSESSMENT**

The apprenticeship assessment includes:

- A face to face 2-hour practical observation (four 30-minute sessions).
- 15-minute Q&A.
- Professional discussion supported by a portfolio of evidence.

## **EMPLOYER & LEARNER SATISFACTION**

**97%**

of Apprentices would recommend us\*

**99%**

of Employers would recommend us\*

## **YOUR COMPLETE CAREER PATHWAY**

**Teaching Assistant with SEND**  
Level 3

**High Level Teaching Assistant**  
Level 4

**Specialist Teaching Assistant**  
Level 5