

Level 5: Specialist Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship

A progression pathway for support staff to deepen their expertise and enhance the learning experience of pupils.



Fully-funded using the Apprenticeship levy*

By completing the Specialist Teaching Assistant pathway, participants will acquire the essential knowledge, skills, and behaviours to offer targeted support to pupils with diverse needs. In addition, they will build key competencies in areas such as overcoming learning barriers, effective planning and assessment, clear communication, and maintaining high standards of professionalism.



Develop knowledge to apply practical skills to plan, implement, evaluate and adapt activities for a range of learning abilities to advance learning.



Build advanced skills and knowledge to tailor support for pupils in one of four key areas, to create an inclusive and supportive educational environment to improve learning outcomes.



Play a crucial role in enhancing the educational experience for students and supporting the overall functioning of the school.

Choose your preferred specialist pathway:

1 SEND specialist

Understand how to provide specialist support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities to promote inclusion and advance learning and progression.

2 Social and emotional wellbeing specialist

Become an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) and learn how to positively contribute to your learners' social and emotional well-being, to support inclusion and advance learning.

3 Literacy Specialist

Discover how to plan, prepare, deliver, and evaluate learning and assessment activities and interventions to support individual, small group, and whole class literacy learning.

4 PE, Health and Wellbeing specialist:

Learn to plan, deliver, and support Physical Education for small groups and whole classes, while gaining the skills to lead extracurricular activities that promote extended physical activity for pupils.

*Subject to employers' contribution to the apprenticeship levy.

Our blended learning approach

Whether you have completed a Level 3 Teaching Assistant with SEND apprenticeship or another Teaching Assistant qualification, this Level 5 programme has been developed to build on skills and knowledge gained from previous qualifications as well as practical experience in your setting.



Online Learning

study flexibly at a time and place that suits you



Live Online Personal Progress Reviews

One 60 min review per term with your apprenticeship coach and your mentor



Live Online Workshops

A suite of live online workshops, webinars and masterclasses with your apprenticeship facilitator and SEND experts.



Self-Directed Project Work

apply new knowledge and skills through practical projects and research in your setting.

Who is the Specialist Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship for?

- Individuals who support the education of individual learners or groups of learners, working under the supervision of a qualified teacher.
- You may work in an early years setting, primary school, secondary school, special school, alternative provision or further education institutions such as sixth forms and colleges.
- You must have worked as a Teaching Assistant (TA), Learning Support Assistant (LSA) or equivalent role for at least a year (full-time equivalent).



How to apply



To register your interest:

Scan the QR code to visit our website to access full applications details.



This apprenticeship is co-designed by SEND and SEMH (Social, Emotional and Mental Health) experts from Real Training, literacy experts from Dyslexia Action Training and Educational and Sporting Futures (ESF) an Ofsted 'outstanding' apprenticeship provider.