

Specialist Teaching Assistant - Level 5



This apprenticeship equips you with the skills to support learners across various educational settings, including schools, colleges, and alternative provisions. Specialist Teaching Assistants work closely with teachers and professionals to inspire and advance learning.

Apprentices will specialise in one of three areas:

- **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND):** Supporting learners with SEND through tailored strategies and interventions.
- **Social and Emotional Well-being:** Helping learners develop emotional resilience to enhance their education.
- **Curriculum Provision:** Providing specialist support in areas such as early reading, early maths, EAL, subject interventions, or forest school education.

Specialist Teaching Assistants plan and adapt learning activities, work with families and external agencies, and help create an inclusive learning environment. They develop expertise through research and reflection while contributing to the training of colleagues.

This apprenticeship is ideal for those passionate about education and looking to make a meaningful impact on learners' development. It provides hands-on experience, professional growth, and a strong foundation for a rewarding career.



Delivery:

- Monthly workshops
- Module-Specific Seminars (online)
- Regular 1:1 reviews with a designated Coach
- Dedicated e-portfolio system
- Access to a large range of learning resources and CPD
- Full End Point Assessment preparation and support

Duration: The typical duration of this programme is 24 months. You must also allow for an additional 3 months EPA period.

Entry Requirements: Apprentices must be in a role that supports the gathering of evidence for the apprenticeship standards.

End Point Assessment: The EPA comprises varied assessments including professional discussion underpinned by a portfolio of evidence and a workplace observation with questions.

Some of the skills an apprentice will learn



- **Duty 1** Promote positive values and behaviours in relation to equality, equity diversity and inclusion by upholding and applying the aims and ethos of the organisation.
- **Duty 2** Act in accordance with all statutory and non-statutory frameworks and legislation as appropriate for the organisation and sector
- **Duty 3** Use specialist knowledge and critical understanding to plan implement, evaluate and adapt activities to advance learning under appropriate supervision for the setting.
- **Duty 4** Undertake a range of assessment activities, to contribute to and maintain accurate records of progress and identify where it may be appropriate to refer to other professionals.
- **Duty 5** Under appropriate supervision, plan sequences of teaching informed by a critical understanding of well-established principles in relation to curriculum, assessment and pedagogy,
- **Duty 6** Establish and develop collaborative relationships with colleagues, other professionals and agencies both within and beyond the organisation.
- **Duty 7** Provide appropriate information, advice and guidance to support the role of parents and carers in advancing learning.
- **Duty 8** Work in partnership with colleagues to implement, monitor, and critically evaluate strategies which both maintain a focus on high quality outcomes for all and recognise individual needs.
- **Duty 9** Under appropriate supervision, create, organise, and maintain resources for the specialist option
- **Duty 10** Anticipate and manage behaviour including for individuals and groups or classes in order to promote self-regulation and independence in both formal and informal learning situations.
- **Duty 11** Be a reflective practitioner to improve and advance learning in the specialist option.
- **Duty 12** Under appropriate supervision contribute to the training and support for colleagues in the specialist option.
- **Duty 13** Promote positive values and behaviours in relation to learners' health and well-being.
- **Duty 14** Support in the dissemination of knowledge and critical understanding of practises, including those that relate to sustainability, diversity, equality, equity, and inclusion.



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