Specialist Teaching Assistant

Level 5 - 18 Month Apprenticeship Programme

EDUCATION WISE

OVERVIEW

The Level 5 Specialist Teaching Assistant apprenticeship equips individuals to provide advanced support within specialist areas such as special educational needs and disability (SEND), social and emotional wellbeing, and targeted curriculum provision including EAL, forest schools, subject-based interventions or music education. It develops the skills to support inclusive learning, enhance learner progress and contribute to specialist provision within educational settings.

The programme focuses on specialist strategies, inclusive practice, adapting learning approaches and supporting individual development. Apprentices gain practical experience while building the confidence and professional skills needed to work effectively as specialist teaching assistants within schools and learning environments.

To be eligible for this apprenticeship, individuals must have at least 12 months' experience working in a school setting. If you don't yet have this experience, the Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship may be a more suitable starting point, helping you build the knowledge and practical skills needed to progress in the field.

Module	Topic
1	Role of the Specialist Teaching Assistant
2	Policy and Legislation
3	Learning Assessment and Feedback Cycle
4	Theory and Development
5	SEND and Referrals
6	Wellbeing and Communication
7	EPA Preparation

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ABOUT THE APPRENTICESHIP

What you will learn

- Support self-directed play of children and young people through appropriate interventions.
- Foster development aligned with culture, age and stage of children and young people.
- Develop evidence-based coaching systems complying with legislation and guidance.
- Influence best practices across coaching team using knowledge of wider issues.
- Collaborate with industry networks and team members for effective coaching services.
- Create a learning curriculum considering participants' needs, goals and building trust.
- Provide support through progressive coaching programs at events and competitions.
- Promote holistic well-being in coaching practice to manage participants' stressors.
- Create positive coaching environments applying learning theories, behaviour management, technology and support mechanisms.
- Measure impact of coaching strategies on sustainable engagement, evaluate own performance and assess organisation and sport effectiveness.

Additional qualifications included

- Level 2 Maths and English if you do not already hold them.

How you will learn

A mixture of bi-weekly online sessions and face-to-face visits where required. You will have a dedicated tutor who is there to guide you through your training programme. As well as your tutor, you will have access to learning and support materials online to support you with your allocated off-the-job training each week.

Learner Journey

In a 18-month programme, learners gain skills, knowledge and behaviours for the End Point Assessment. It includes classroom sessions, mentoring, off-site visits and 20% off-the-job training. At the Gateway stage, progress is reviewed for the on-programme assessment. The End Point Assessment evaluates proficiency through tests, interviews, portfolio assessment and professional discussion.

End-Point-Assessment (EPA) - 3 Months Period

- Portfolio of Evidence
- Professional Discussion (1 hour)
- Observation with Questions (2 hours)

Off-The-Job Training

Off-the-job is where you will need to log evidence of learning activities that fall outside of your normal working environment but is still classed as learning towards your apprenticeship. The number of hours you need to log throughout your apprenticeship will be discussed at enrolment.

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The Level 5 Learning and Skills Teacher apprenticeship equips individuals to teach in further education, adult education and work-based learning. It develops the skills to plan and deliver high quality learning, inspire learners and contribute to the wider organisation. Employers gain qualified staff who can raise standards and meet the needs of learners across a wide range of contexts.

The programme covers professional standards, pedagogy, planning and delivering effective teaching, empowering learners and providing education and guidance. Apprentices gain practical classroom experience while developing the knowledge and behaviours to work as confident teachers in post-16 and adult education.

Key Features

- Builds strong knowledge of pedagogy and effective teaching practice
- Develops skills to plan, deliver and evaluate impactful lessons
- Strengthens ability to support and empower diverse learners
- Includes careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG)

HOW LEARNERS ARE SUPPORTED

ONLINE PORTFOLIO
Learn on-the-go with your phone, tablet or laptop, anytime, anywhere and personalise your learning into bite-sized chunks.

FACE TO FACE MASTER-CLASSES
Join a dynamic group of learners for in-person sessions where you'll have the opportunity to interact with peers and experts, immersing yourself in a guided masterclass experience.



ASSESSMENTS
Assessments test your understanding and retention of learning, helping you enhance your recall and application of knowledge for a deeper grasp of concepts.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS
Engage in live group sessions with expert tutors, interactive discussions and peer collaboration for an exciting and enriching learning experience.

LEARNING FORUMS
Learn from and help your peers, discuss the learning, gain extra support, networking and hear different points of view.

SKILLS COACHING
Personalised guidance from industry specialists to achieve professional excellence

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