

LEVEL 3 SPECIALIST TEACHING ASSISTANT

Specialist teaching assistants support provision related to special educational needs and disability (SEND), the social and emotional well-being, of learners, or within another area of specialist curriculum provision such as forest schools, EAL, subject-based interventions or music education.

DELIVERY OVER 27 MONTHS

INDUCTION

One day induction to Apprenticeship programme, meeting with a Skills Coach and Delivery Plan agreed

IN COLLEGE

One workshop and workbased session a month for the duration of the programme

ONLINE

Access learning materials 24/7 via Smart Assessor – your online learning environment

ASSESSMENT

On programme assessments every 6-8 weeks, including progress reviews every 8-10 weeks

END POINT ASSESSMENT

- Practical observation with questions and answers
- Professional discussion supported by a portfolio of evidence

QUALIFICATION

- Level 3 Specialist Teaching Assistant

GATEWAY

- Professional Qualification
- Apprentices without Level 2 English and mathematics will need to achieve this level prior to taking their EPA

PROGRESSION

Higher Level Teaching Assistant, Assistant Teacher and Teacher

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/BEHAVIOURS

Knowledge

- Statutory and non statutory curriculum frameworks to the provision
- Policies, processes and procedures related to the collecting
- The principles of behaviours for learning

Skills

- Establish a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment for learners
- Apply teaching strategies to advance learning, for example scaffolding
- Undertake dynamic risk assessment of the learning environment

Behaviours

- Act professionally, positively, and proactively
- Adaptable and resilient
- Model appropriately aspirational practices
- Eager to develop as a practitioner, by being receptive and open to challenge and constructive criticism

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

Whilst any entry requirements will be a matter for individual employers, typically, an apprentice might be expected to have already achieved 5 GCSEs, including Maths and English, Grade C or above or 4/5 (new grading). Some employers will accept other relevant qualifications and experience, including an appropriate Level 2 qualification. For those with an education, health and care plan or a legacy statement, the apprenticeship English and maths minimum requirement is Entry Level 3. British Sign Language qualification is an alternative to English qualifications for whom this is their primary language.