



# Specialist Teaching Assistant

## Apprenticeship Standard

This Level 5 Apprenticeship will equip you with the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to successfully and confidently work in a Specialist Teaching Assistant Role.

**Associated roles:** Subject Teaching Assistant, Specialist Education Support, SEN Teaching Assistant.

### Roles and Responsibilities

A Specialist Teaching Assistant plays a pivotal role in supporting learner education across various settings. They plan and adapt activities to advance learning, leveraging expertise in areas like Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND), social and emotional well-being, or specific curriculum provisions. Their work involves building relationships with learners, families, and other professionals to create a supportive environment and promote inclusion. They also engage in professional development, contribute to learning evaluation, and are responsible for learner safety, often working under the supervision of a qualified teacher.

On completion, you will have achieved the Level 5 Specialist Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship.



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## Who is it for?

People wanting to further their knowledge as a Teaching Assistant and to provide specialist knowledge for supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs



## Duration

27 months. The first 24 months will be 'in learning' where the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed are developed. The final 3 months will be used to complete the EPA.



## Delivery

Tutor-led remote and face-to-face training and portfolio building.

## TOPICS COVERED DURING TRAINING

Training for the Specialist Teaching Assistant role typically covers a comprehensive range of topics, often built around core competencies and a chosen specialisation. Core areas include understanding educational regulations and guidance, principles of advancing learning, effective planning and assessment strategies, and crucial aspects of professionalism and communication. Trainees also delve into child development theories, safeguarding and child protection, and the importance of equity, equality, diversity, and inclusion. Training will further explore specific policies, procedures, and intervention strategies for supporting learners within that specialised area, such as in-depth knowledge of various Special Educational Needs, techniques for promoting emotional literacy and resilience, or advanced methods for delivering subject-specific interventions like early reading or EAL.

## GATEWAY AND END POINT ASSESSMENT (EPA)

We will work with you and your employer to decide when it is time to start your EPA. To start your EPA you must have maths and English at Level 2. You will only have completed your apprenticeship once the EPA has been achieved.

- **Observation with Questions** - You will be observed by an End Point Assessor under normal day to day duties, you will also be asked questions by the End Point Assessor.
- **Professional Discussion underpinned by a portfolio of evidence** - You will have an interview with an independent assessor. It will last 60 minutes. They will ask you a number of questions. These questions will be about certain aspects of your job. You can use your portfolio to help answer these questions.