

New for January 2026



Specialist Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship

The Specialist Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship is designed to elevate the skills and expertise of existing staff (or recruit to train). The programme prepares them to specialise in a key area of education, with both the training programme and End-Point Assessment funded through the apprenticeship levy.

Why Choose This Apprenticeship?

- **Nationally Approved & Fully Funded:** Approved for delivery, with funding of £12,000 from the employer's apprenticeship levy contributions.
- **Gain Academic Credit through the Optional Integrated Foundation Degree:** This apprenticeship can provide 120 credits at Level 5, offering a strong academic foundation - providing a progression pathway to BA(hons) Level 6 "top-up year" and, subsequently, to QTS programmes.
- **Flexible Specialisms:** Choose from one of three specialist pathways:
 - **SEND Specialist Teaching Assistant:** Support learners with special educational needs and disabilities.
 - **Social & Emotional Well-being Specialist Teaching Assistant:** Support pupils' wellbeing and capacity to regulate and communicate their emotions.
 - **Curriculum Provision Specialist Teaching Assistant:** Enhance learning in specific curriculum areas such as Forest Schools, EAL, or subject-based interventions.
- **Suitable for staff working in Diverse Settings:** From primary and secondary schools to colleges, alternative provision, and special education environments.

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What Will Apprentices Learn?

- **Practical Expertise:** Plan, implement, and adapt learning activities to support learners effectively.
- **Specialist Knowledge:** Develop a deep understanding of a chosen area through research and professional development.
- **Collaboration & Inclusion:** Work alongside teachers, SENCOs, and external agencies to create inclusive learning environments.
- **Assessment & Reflection:** Evaluate learning progress and reflect on practice to continuously improve.
- **Portfolio Development for HLTA Assessment:** Build a strong professional portfolio to support progression towards Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) assessment.

Who Is This For?

- Teaching assistants ready to take the next step in their career and supported by their employers to undertake this programme.
- Those looking to specialise in SEND, emotional well-being, or curriculum provision.
- Individuals eager to make a lasting impact on learners' educational journeys.
- Professionals who share our commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, demonstrating consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct.

Programme Structure

- **Duration:** 24 months (plus a 3-month End-Point Assessment period).
- **Combined Online and Face-to-face Delivery:** Face-to-face delivery venues will be confirmed based on demand and cohort numbers within geographical regions. The greater the take-up in your area, the closer we can come to you!
- **Assessment:** Includes workplace observations, professional discussions, and a portfolio of evidence.
- **Flexible Study Options:** The course can be completed with or without academic submissions, allowing participants to tailor their learning experience to their workload capacity and career aspirations.
- **Achieve a Recognised Qualification:** Graduate with a Level 5 apprenticeship qualification and optional Foundation Degree, enhancing your career prospects in education.

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Meeting ID: **337 713 338 321**
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