

# Specialist Teaching Assistant

**Level: 5**

**Duration: 27 months**

**Specialist Teaching Assistants provide high-level, bespoke support to pupils with complex learning needs. They often lead other staff and work alongside multi-agency professionals to ensure every child can access the curriculum.**



## Apprenticeship overview

### Core skills, knowledge and behaviours you will learn

- Specialist support for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Leadership and management of targeted interventions (e.g., literacy, numeracy, or SEMH)
- To collaborate with Speech and Language Therapists (SLT) and Educational Psychologists
- How to use data to track pupil progress and adjust support strategies
- Advanced safeguarding and child protection procedures
- How to mentor and coach junior Teaching Assistants

### Where you might work

- Mainstream primary and secondary schools
- Specialist schools and SEND units
- Alternative Provision (AP) and Pupil Referral Units (PRUs)
- Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs)

### Typical job roles

- Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)
- Lead SEND Support Assistant
- Specialist Inclusion Officer
- Senior Teaching Assistant

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### Good to know

**This role requires a deep understanding of the EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) process**

**You will often be the “bridge” between the classroom teacher and external specialists**

**It is a significantly more strategic role than a Level 3 Teaching Assistant**