

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