



Level 3 Classroom Teaching Assistant

(with additional SEND Training)

A post GCSE alternative to 6th form or college

Want hands-on experience instead of full-time study?

If you enjoy working with children, you'll gain invaluable insight and experience of working within a classroom setting to support the teacher and help all pupils thrive.

A stepping stone into teaching

Our Level 3 Apprenticeship gives you the skills you need to succeed as a teaching assistant. It's a great way to start your career in education if you enjoy helping others and want to make a real difference every day.

Already working in a school?

If you're already working as a TA, this apprenticeship is your opportunity to further develop your knowledge and skills and put them into practice by completing practical projects in your school.



Progression pathways:

This role could lead to a number of pathways, including becoming employed within a school as a Teaching Assistant, progressing to the Level 5 Specialist Teaching Assistant apprenticeship, attaining (HLTA) status, or further study to become a Teacher.

What will I be doing studying as a TA apprenticeship?

Through the programme, you'll explore how the National Curriculum is structured and how it applies to your role. You'll also:

- ★ Provide teaching support in small groups and where necessary be assigned to individual pupils in order to aid the teacher.
- ★ Assist the teacher with observations and monitoring the progress of children, both educationally and socially.
- ★ Promote positive behaviour patterns, raise self-esteem, and improve independent working in children to assist their education and growth.
- ★ Liaise with the teacher to understand the objectives of each session.
- ★ Adapt lessons using a range of resources to support learners with SEND.
- ★ Have the option to gain an **Elklan Speech and Language** qualification.

What you'll learn

- ★ Understand how pupils learn, develop and stay motivated.
- ★ Supporting the class teacher in lesson planning, preparation and independent learning for pupils.
- ★ Strategies to support pupils of different abilities.
- ★ Behaviour management strategies.
- ★ The National Curriculum (Reception – KS4).

We've been
rated 'Strong'
in all areas by
Ofsted

How you'll learn

Qualification



Level 3 Teaching
Assistant
Apprenticeship

Study Style



Self-paced online
Live virtual workshops

Duration



13 – 15 months plus
a 1 month
Apprenticeship
Assessment

Dedicated Tutoring



Termly tutor visits, plus
ongoing support from
in-school mentor.

SEND Masterclasses



Learn from SEND experts
and extend your
knowledge

Required Skills, Experience and Qualifications

- **Good with people** – you'll need the ability to build positive relationships with pupils, staff, and parents.
- **Effective communicators** – clear and confident verbal and written communication skills.
- **Team players** – the role needs a strong team player who is passionate about supporting learning.

You must have been resident in England for the last three years and have the right to work in the UK

For apprentices aged 16–18

- Grade C or above or 4/5 at GCSE in English
- Grade C or above or 4/5 at GCSE in Maths

If you don't meet the above criteria you will need to work towards your Level 2 Functional Skills as part of your apprenticeship.

Functional Skills Level 2: An alternative to GCSEs and equivalent to a Grade 4. We can support you if you'd like to gain these qualifications.

For apprentices aged 19+

- No qualifications are required if you are aged 19+ (although it is desirable to have Maths and English GCSE at Grade C/Level 4 or above)

To become Teacher: You'll need GCSEs (grade 4/C+) in English, Maths, and Science for primary, plus a bachelor's degree in any subject. Without a degree, you can choose a Teacher Degree Apprenticeship (Note: A-levels will be required).

Applying for an apprenticeship

You can apply for an apprenticeship while you're still at school, but you'll need to be 16 or over by the end of the summer holidays to start the programme.

For full details and to apply, visit our website, or contact our Recruitment Team via email at vacancies@esfapprenticeships.co.uk

