

Level 3: Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship

with a PE, Health & Wellbeing focus

A post GCSE alternative to 6th form or college



Want hands-on experience instead of full-time study? Earn while you learn with a Level 3 apprenticeship.

Aspiring PE Teacher? Start your career

A level 3 apprenticeship is the ideal starting point for securing a role as a Teaching Assistant, or becoming a PE teacher or Sports Coach

Our Level 3 Teaching Assistant apprenticeship with a PE focus gives you the skills to thrive in schools, whether you're just starting out or looking to upskill. You'll gain experience planning, adapting, and supporting high-quality PE lessons while developing as an effective 'all-round' teaching assistant.



Already working in a school?

Turn your passion for sport into a career in education or coaching, becoming a wellbeing role model who promotes active, healthy lifestyles.

What will I be doing as a PE Teaching Assistant apprentice?

Through the programme, you'll have the opportunity to develop key skills in education, physical activity, and student engagement while gaining hands-on experience, including:

- ★ Assisting the class teacher in delivering high-quality Physical Education.
- ★ Delivering active lunchtimes and assisting with after-school and community sports programmes.
- ★ Taking on greater responsibilities within the school environment to enhance pupils' learning experiences.
- ★ Providing additional support in PE and physical activity sessions to ensure all students can engage and progress.
- ★ Collaborating with School Games Organisers to help plan and manage festivals and competitions. Supporting SEND pupils with morning sensory circuits.

You'll receive a training plan that meets your off-the-job hours, agreed with your employer.

What you'll learn

- ★ How pupils learn, develop and stay motivated
- ★ Supporting the class teacher in lesson planning, preparation and independent learning
- ★ Promoting pupil wellbeing and supporting pupil safeguarding
- ★ Behaviour management strategies
- ★ The aims of the National Curriculum from Reception through to KS4
- ★ Using technology in the classroom

Ofsted
'Outstanding'
rated
apprenticeship
training
programmes

How you'll learn

Qualification



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Study Style



Fortnightly live online sessions and termly in-person training days with other apprentices

Duration



13 - 15 months plus a 1 month apprenticeship assessment

Tutoring and Mentoring



Termly tutor visits and progress reviews 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 good 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 a PE 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 apprenticeship.

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

