

Level 5 Specialist Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship

**Empower Inclusion | Develop Specialist Support |
Advance Education Outcomes**

This apprenticeship is tailored for dedicated Teaching Assistants with experience who are committed to enhancing support for learners with diverse needs.

Through a blend of theory, practice, and reflective learning, apprentices gain the expertise to drive inclusive educational outcomes.



About the Apprenticeship

Through this programme, apprentices will develop advanced competencies in specialist support for pupils with additional needs, collaborative working across education professionals, and strategic approaches to inclusive practice.

- **Duration:** 18–24 months
- **Delivery:** Work-based learning complemented by online modules and structured project works
- **End-Point Assessment:** Professional discussion, work-based project & portfolio review

What You Will Learn

- **Specialist SEN Support:** Implement adaptive strategies for learners with special educational needs and disabilities
- **Targeted Intervention Techniques:** Deliver evidence-based, individualised learning and behavioural support
- **Collaborative Practice:** Engage effectively with teachers, parents, and external agencies to support personalised learning plans
- **Developmental Theory in Practice:** Apply cognitive, emotional, and social development frameworks to daily support activities
- **Safeguarding & Wellbeing:** Uphold pupils' safety and emotional health in line with best practice and statutory guidance

Who is it for?

- Experienced Teaching Assistants aiming to specialise in supporting learners with additional needs
- Individuals looking to deepen their understanding of inclusive education and targeted support strategies
- Those aspiring to leadership roles such as Higher-Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA), SEN Coordinator, or Learning Mentor

Career Progression

- Upon successful completion, apprentices can progress to Level 6 qualifications in Education or Special Educational Needs, assuming roles such as:
 - Higher-Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)
 - Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)
 - Learning Mentor or Specialist Support Lead

