



Specialist Teaching Assistant with HLTA Qualification



LEVEL 5
ADVANCED



TYPICAL DURATION
18 MONTHS



TRAINING METHOD
BLENDED



ASSESSMENT METHOD
PORTFOLIO



FUNDING VALUE
£12,000



EPA ORGANISATION
NQUAL

COURSE OVERVIEW

EMPOWERING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE THROUGH ADVANCED TEACHING SUPPORT. CHOOSE TO SPECIALISE IN ONE KEY AREA AND GAIN A HLTA QUALIFICATION AS PART OF THE PROGRAMME.

ROLE PROFILE

This Level 5 Specialist Teaching Assistant Programme is the natural progression route for teaching assistants who look to further their career in education. Specialist Teaching Assistants work alongside qualified professionals, using research-based practices to plan, implement, and adapt learning activities that advance student progress. Learners in this programme can work in primary, secondary, or alternative education settings where Specialist Teaching Assistants will make a real difference by fostering inclusion, promoting positive behaviours, and advocating for children's needs.

This programme offers you the opportunity to specialise in ONE of these areas of study including Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), social and emotional wellbeing, or specific curriculum provisions like early reading or EAL (English as an Additional Language). Benefit from gaining a Level 4 HLTA qualification as part of this programme.

1 SEND SPECIALIST

SEND Specialist Teaching Assistants support the implementation of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) policies, processes, and procedures. The work advances learning for students with SEND, ensuring that tailored strategies are in place to meet these learners' needs. You may collaborate with SENCOs and external agencies to provide specialised support.

2 SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING SPECIALIST

Social and Emotional Wellbeing Specialist Teaching Assistants support the implementation of policies and processes that promote emotional wellbeing. You observe student behaviour to identify social and emotional needs and design targeted wellbeing interventions to advance learning. You may interact with external specialists, social services, and other agencies to ensure comprehensive support for learners.



QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDED

Level 5 Specialist Teaching Assistant Standard

TQUK (HLTA) Level 4 Certificate in Higher Level Teaching Assistant RQF (60314321) 36 credits, 87 guided learning hours

3 CURRICULUM PROVISION SPECIALIST

Curriculum Provision Specialist Teaching Assistants provide support in a specific curriculum area to advance learning. This may involve early reading or maths interventions, support for EAL learners, or subject-specific expertise such as forest school provision. You collaborate closely with teaching departments and may work alongside external education professionals to implement and adapt curriculum strategies.



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HLTA REQUIREMENTS

This programme includes 7 HTLA units, which equate to 36 credits (87 guided learning hours). You must be able to support individuals, small groups and a whole class without supervision. Assessed via written assignments, observation of practice, and evidence from work practice. Knowledge gained throughout will support meeting HLTA requirements which will all be submitted and assessed after Gateway.

TYPICAL JOB ROLES

Teaching assistant, HLTA, academic mentor, music educator, social and emotional wellbeing teaching assistant, specialist education support, specialist learning support, specialist teaching assistant, subject teaching assistant, SEND teaching assistant.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

This programme provides a foundation for progression into a number of career paths in the educational sector including HLTA, teacher training and specialist roles in education.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

You must be working within a school as a teaching assistant. You must have completed a Level 3 Teaching Assistant qualification or demonstration of foundational understanding via skill scan completion (3-5 years experience).

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM LMP EDUCATION

- Dedicated account management and recruitment
- Leading nationwide apprenticeship training provider
- Specialists in the education, training and business sectors
- Delivering vibrant, engaging learning for all learners
- Blended and remote teaching and learning
- Tailored learning plans for each individual
- Experienced tutors and delivery support team
- Designated safeguarding officers, policies and procedures

LEARNER BENEFITS

Specialist Expertise: Learn in-depth strategies for supporting learners with specific needs—like autism, ADHD, dyslexia, SEMH, or speech & language.

Confident Intervention Delivery: You'll be trained to plan, deliver, and evaluate structured interventions that genuinely make a difference.

Stronger Understanding of Learning: Gain insights into how children and young people develop, learn and overcome barriers.

Step Into Senior Roles: This Level 5 qualification prepares you for higher-responsibility roles, such as HLTA, pastoral lead, SEN support specialist, or intervention coordinator.

Gateway to Teaching or Further Study: You can use your Level 5 as a stepping stone toward teacher training, SENDCo support roles or Level 6/degree-level study.

Learn While You Work: This Level 5 programme is designed to fit around your current job, so you can immediately apply what you're learning.

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