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LEVEL 5

Autism Support Practitioner

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME

Building advanced specialised skills to lead targeted autism support in the classroom.

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Funded Programme
APPLICATIONS OPEN

INVEST IN YOUR TEAM

- High Quality Training & Industry Relevant Content
- Expert Tutors & Mentoring **NEW Virtual Classrooms**
- Excellent Safeguarding & Wellbeing Support
- **Access to SEG Boost** to Support Learning
- Focus on Personal & Professional Development

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MAPPED FROM THE LEVEL 5 SPECIALIST TEACHING ASSISTANT STANDARD

This higher-level programme is designed for experienced teaching assistants.

PROGRAMME
SUMMARY

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Apprenticeship level
Level 5

Typical duration
18 months

Training method
Blended learning

Assessment method
Professional discussion underpinned by a portfolio of Evidence and Q&A

Cost/funding value
£0/£12,000

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Assessment organisation
NQual

About the Programme

Develop the confidence and expertise to adapt environments, personalise support, and promote positive outcomes for autistic learners across educational settings.

Who is this programme for?

This programme is designed for experienced teaching assistants and support staff who want to develop specialist expertise in autism and play a more impactful role in supporting autistic pupils' learning, participation and outcomes.

Employer Benefits

Get ahead of the upcoming Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) reform by investing in internal staff development for supporting pupils with autism.

Each year, the **number of pupils identified as autistic continues to rise**, with schools across England supporting growing numbers of children and young people - and increasingly complex profiles of need. This reflects both improved identification and greater awareness, but it also places significant pressure on schools to ensure they have the right expertise in place to respond effectively.

Without trained, specialist staff, autistic pupils' needs can be misunderstood or inconsistently supported. Differences in communication, sensory processing and social interaction may be interpreted as behaviour challenges, leading to barriers to learning, reduced engagement, and impacts on wellbeing and participation in school life.

The Autism Support Practitioner Apprenticeship helps schools meet this need by building specialist expertise from within. It develops confident, knowledgeable practitioners who can understand autism in practice, adapt provision, and support pupils day to day using evidence-informed approaches.

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Typical Job Roles

Autism Support Worker, Adult Care Worker, Pastoral and Inclusion Staff, Learning Support Assistants (LSAs), SEND Teaching Assistant.

Progression Routes

The Autism Support Practitioner apprenticeship offers a solid foundation in educational support, and there are several routes you can take to progress in education. Here are some common career paths and steps you could consider:

Teacher Training (Qualified Teacher Status - QTS) to become a fully qualified teacher, Specialist Roles in Education, Coordinator (SENCO), Pastoral Support Lead, Learning Mentor, Leadership and Management & Specialised Support and Therapy Roles.

Career Pathways

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Pastoral Support Lead

Teacher Training (Qualified Teacher Status - QTS)

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Learner Benefits

A big step up: and a brilliant opportunity for professional and personal growth.

Specialist Expertise: Learn in-depth strategies for supporting learners with specific needs

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: A 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.

Recognised Qualification: upon completion of this programme, you will receive a nationally recognised certification.

Ongoing support: access to a LMP Tutor providing 1-2-1 support throughout your Course.

SEG Boost: access this free personal development programme providing skills for life, learning and work.

What will you learn

Through the Level 5 Autism Support Practitioner Apprenticeship you will develop specialist knowledge of autism and learn how to apply it with confidence in the classroom, helping pupils access learning, participate more fully and make stronger progress. Alongside this, you will build the wider skills of a Specialist Teaching Assistant, so you can support individual needs, work effectively with others and contribute to inclusive practice across your school.

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Off the job training

Off-the-job hours are a vital part of this apprenticeship. Training is directly relevant to the programme and can take many forms, including:

- Individual study time for reflection and growth
- Apprenticeship tutor sessions and webinars
- Group learning opportunities (like inset days)
- Shadowing experienced colleagues
- Mentoring from line managers
- 1:1 performance reviews and feedback
- Attending meetings and briefings
- Learning new policies
- Relevant YouTube/TV shows
- Professional development
- Online courses
- Enrichment activities
- Research and learning
- Collaborative planning/resource preparation

At LMP, the supportive tutors will work closely with you to create a personalised training plan that meets all requirements for this programme.

Striving for a Distinction - we provide distinction criteria for all apprentices and encourage everyone to strive for the best outcome.

Apprenticeship assessment

The (end-point) assessment is **an independent assessment that takes place at the end of the apprenticeship training**. This is to test that the apprentice is competent in their occupation. All apprentices must complete this assessment. There are a variety of assessment methods to test apprentices' competency.

Gateway

Gateway takes place before the apprenticeship assessment can start. LMP Education will work with the employer to **review their apprentice's knowledge, skills and behaviours.** This period of time is used to see if the apprentice has met the requirements of the apprenticeship set out in the apprenticeship standard, and they are ready to take the assessment.

Functional Skills

LMP Education provides functional skills support to all our learners. While functional skills are no longer a requirement for learners who are 19+, LMP still offers functional skills training for those who choose to take the qualification.

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MODULES **INCLUDE**

Understanding Autism

Content includes: What is Autism and How our Understanding has Evolved Over Time, The Prevalence and Impact of Autism in Schools & How Autism may Present in the Classroom

Practical Strategies to Support Pupils

Content includes: Understanding individual needs, Identifying and removing barriers to learning & Interpreting behaviour

Supporting Learning, Development and Inclusion

Content includes: Creating Structured, Low-arousal Environments, Using Clearly Defined Spaces and Routines to Support Predictability, Independence and Reduced Anxiety & Building Safe, Inclusive Social Environments

Planning, Assessment and Improving Outcomes

Content includes: Understanding Curriculum Intent and Key Learning Objectives, Applying Strategies Set by the Teacher to Adapt Support & Providing Clear, Timely Feedback to Support Progress and Help Autistic Pupils Improve

Working with Others to Support Pupils

Content includes: Advocating for Pupils and Championing their Needs, Understanding the Importance of Partnership Working & Working Effectively and Sharing Observations and Insights with Teachers, SENCOs and Professionals

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Why LMP Education

LMP Education is an award winning training provider. Our programmes are designed to support both learners and employers in training and upskilling talent across industries. We have a team of expert tutors to support learners at each step of the way on programme and beyond.

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Hear from the experts

"This is an absolutely essential training offer given the increased rates of autism diagnosis in our schools. In the support we currently provide to schools and settings across the country, we're often told that teachers and teaching assistants are lacking the confidence to support the increasing numbers of neurodivergent learners in the classroom."

Dr Nicola Crossley
MEd | MA | NPQEL | NPQH, CEO at Liberty Academy Trust

Work with Us

We can support you and your organisation to use the power of apprenticeships. LMP Education is a registered market leading training provider for Teaching apprenticeships. Our team can support you with recruiting an new apprentice or upskilling existing staff members. Benefit from our free recruitment service and book a discovery call today to find out more about this programme.

Employers - book a discovery call with an apprenticeship expert
bit.ly/book-lmp-call

Candidates - enrol today online check website for cohort start date
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