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LEVEL 5 SPECIALIST
TEACHING ASSISTANT
FACTSHEET

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF SPECIALIST TEACHING ASSISTANT - LEVEL 5



Specialist Teaching Assistant Overview

Specialist Teaching Assistants support learners in areas such as special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), social and emotional well-being, or specialist curriculum areas like forest schools, English as an Additional Language (EAL), subject-based interventions, or PE or music education.

Also Known As

- Academic Mentor
- Drama Teaching Assistant
- Higher Level Teaching Assistant
- Learning Mentor
- Music Educator
- PE Teaching Assistant
- SEND Teaching Assistant
- Social and Emotional Well-Being Teaching Assistant
- Specialist Education Support
- Specialist Learning Assistant
- Specialist Learning Support
- Specialist Teaching Assistant
- Subject Teaching Assistant

Specialisms

1. SEND Specialist: Implements SEND policies and supports learners with special educational needs.
2. Social and Emotional Well-Being Specialist: Focuses on helping learners develop socially and emotionally.
3. Curriculum Specialist: Supports specific subjects, early reading or maths, PE, or EAL provision.

Key Details

Qualification Level: Level 5

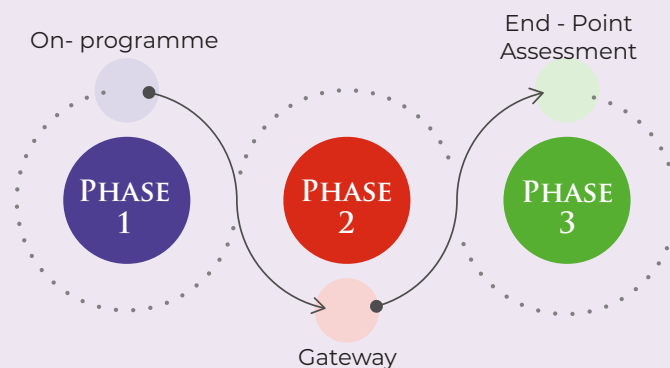
Typical Duration: 24 months, plus a 3-month end-point assessment (EPA).

Standard reference: ST1414 (V1.0)

Apprenticeship Category: Education and Early Years.

Maximum Funding: £12,000

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END-POINT ASSESSMENT (EPA) GATEWAY REQUIREMENTS

Before taking the EPA, the apprentice must:

- Have their employer confirm they are occupationally competent.
- Confirm they are ready to take the EPA.
- Achieve English and mathematics qualifications in line with apprenticeship funding rules.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment Method 1: Observation with Questions

- **Duration:** 90 minutes for the observation, followed by 30 minutes for questions.
- **Questions:** A minimum of 6 questions will be asked by the assessor.
- **Focus:** Questions will relate to the core and specialism Knowledge, Skills, and Behaviours (KSBs).
- **Grading:** This method is graded as Fail, Pass, or Distinction.

Assessment Method 2: Professional Discussion Underpinned by a Portfolio of Evidence

- **Duration:** A formal two-way conversation lasting 60 minutes.
- **Questions:** The assessor will ask a minimum of 10 questions.
- **Focus:** Covers core and specialism KSBs, allowing the apprentice to demonstrate their competency as outlined in the assessment plan.
- **Grading:** This method is graded as Fail, Pass, or Distinction.

GRADING

Overall Grades:

Fail, Pass, Merit or Distinction

Elite Awarding typically issues results within 10 working days

Re-sits and Re-takes

- **Grade Capped at:** Pass
- **Re-sit Timeframe:** Typically 2 months
- **Re-take Timeframe:** Typically 4 months

Find the assessment plan at:

www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/st1414





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