

Course Title

Teaching Assistant



Qualification Level: 3

Duration: 15 months

Value: £5,000

Repayment Cost

Non-Levy Employer

5% employer contribution = £250 + VAT

Levy Employer

On Programme: £4,000 (80%)

End Point Assessment: £1,000 (20%)

Total Cost = £5,000

OVERVIEW

The primary role of a Teaching Assistant is to support the class teacher to enhance pupils' learning, ensuring pupils understand the work set, know their learning objectives, and stay on task in order to make progress.

The Teaching Assistant will promote self-belief, social inclusion, and high self-esteem, playing an integral part of the pupils' well-being whilst ensuring pupils thrive in a positive, nurturing, and safe environment.

MODULES

Technical Knowledge & Skills

- Understanding how pupils learn and develop
- Technology
- Working with teachers to understand and support assessment for learning
- Curriculum
- Keep children safe in education
- Developing strategies for support
- Communication and teamwork
- Working with teachers to accurately assess
- Problem solving / ability to motivate pupils

Underpinning Skills, Attitudes and Behaviours

- Building relationships / embracing change
- Adding value to education
- Promoting equality, diversity, and inclusion
- Professional standards and personal accountability
- Team working, collaboration / engagement

ENRICHMENT

Eden's Teaching Assistant apprenticeship includes further enrichment sessions, covering digital skills and road safety awareness for all learners.

GATEWAY

The gateway meeting is a milestone in the learner journey as it marks the end of the on-programme learning. The learner, employer and Skills Coach will meet and agree that the learner meets the requirements of the standard and are ready for the end point assessment.

END POINT ASSESSMENT

The end point assessment will be completed by an independent end point assessor from an EPA Organisation.

Practical Observation with Q&A

- Multiple observations in the workplace lasting a minimum of 30 minutes each over 2 hours
- Question & Answer duration 15 minutes

Professional Discussion supported by portfolio of evidence

- 90 minutes professional discussion following the practical observation, to establish the learner's understanding and application of the knowledge, skills, and behaviours

Portfolio of Evidence

- Review of approx. 10-15 pieces of workplace evidence

WHY TEACHING ASSISTANTS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR OUR CHILDREN

- They offer one on one support. Many children are overwhelmed by packed classrooms and are unable to take things in. With a staggering 1 in 5 primary school children unable to read properly when they move up to secondary school, teaching assistants play a pivotal role in important one on one reading sessions.
- They provide access for children. Many children who wouldn't have previously been able to access education find that they can with the help of specialised support from an expert.
- They provide an extra set of eyes. Let's face it, teachers don't have eyes in the back of their heads and need support.
- They take some of the pressure off of the teacher. A class full of thirty children all needing help during a difficult lesson is impossible ground to cover for one person. Teaching Assistants release some of the burden on the Teacher in managing the group.
- They implement strategies. A Teacher and their Teaching Assistant can get their heads together and identify an individual or group x 3 entries of people that need some intervention. Whether it's a group finding the work difficult and need a helping hand or a group needing a good push because they're excelling, having someone to take them aside means that there's less chance of the child being left behind or held back.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"

Nelson Mandela

- They're friendly and approachable. Teachers are lovely, wonderful people but given that they are the position of power, they can be harder to approach. Many students find themselves able to confide in the teaching assistant which can only be a good thing.
- They help the child find a Eureka breakthrough. Reading a tough word for the first time, reaching the end of a book or finally cracking a Maths problem, that excitement on the child's face when they explode back into their house with a gold star could be thanks to the Teaching Assistant.
- They do a lot behind the scenes. Let's ditch the rumours of an army of mums helping to read occasionally and clearing up pencils. Teaching Assistants train, plan lessons, assess, monitor and report on progress as well as throwing themselves in to school life and getting the best out of the child.
- Class control. The prospect of their child being held back because of a rowdy class is the bane of the lives of many parents but Teaching Assistants can also contribute to classroom control by homing in on those difficult students or helping the teacher implement rules.
- They can team teach too. Children love interactive lessons that are a bit different and are not just the same face lecturing them from the front of the room.
- Parents love them. Any parent whose child has had significant support from a Teaching Assistant will understand their value.
- The students will always remember them. The Teaching Assistant is more than just a face in the class. For many children, they are a big part of their life who can have a serious impact on their future.

FACTS

- Starting salaries for full-time, permanent Teaching Assistant (level 1) are typically around £17,364 per annum.
- With increased responsibility, you can expect to earn £18,000 to £20,000 per annum.
- Experienced Teaching Assistant (level 3) and those with additional specialisms or SEN responsibilities can earn upwards of £25,000 per annum.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Being a Teaching Assistant is excellent preparation for becoming a Teacher. You'll be starting your training ahead of the rest, with an in-depth knowledge of how classrooms work, as well as the challenges faced by both teachers and students.

As well as achieving competency as a Teaching Assistant, this standard provides a foundation for potential progression into additional career paths in the Educational sector, including Higher Level Teaching Assistant, Assistant Teacher and Teacher. Check out the Learning & Skills (Level 5) qualification on the next page.

