

We are offering a new and exciting opportunity to gain a qualification as a Teaching Assistant. This qualification is designed for people currently working in the role <u>or</u> newly appointed staff. This is an innovative programme which offers insight into and practical skills for supporting young people in education.

"A teaching assistant is the glue that holds a class together. They provide valuable support to the teacher and offer encouragement and help for children experiencing learning difficulties." (TAtips.com, 2018)

WHY PUT STAFF ONTO AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Investing in staff training will maximise the impact of your team. Completion of an Apprenticeship will ensure that your TAs have the skills, knowledge and understanding to best support learning in your classrooms.

This qualification costs £5,000 per candidate - payable from the Apprenticeship Levy. For Non-Levy paying schools, the Government will meet 90% of the cost of training and assessment.

WHY UNDERTAKE AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Our 18 month programme provides the opportunity to gain a nationally recognised qualification whilst in employment. Achievement of a Level 3 Apprenticeship could allow you to develop your career through further study, at degree level and beyond.

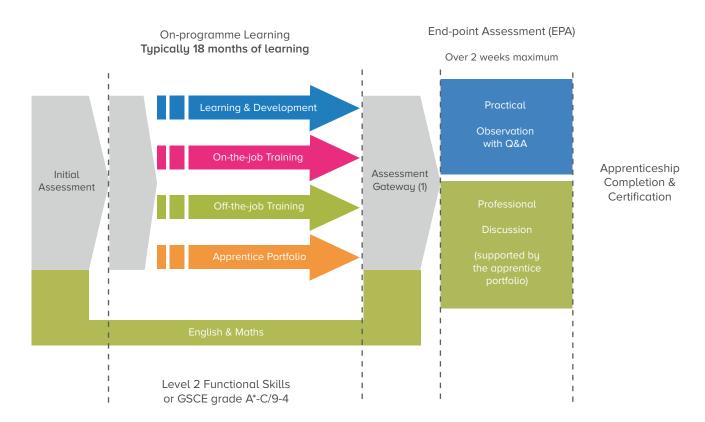
As an apprentice you will:

- attend training by specialists in their field and visit excellent practitioners in their workplace, as part of your contractual time
- be supported by a mentor in school to assist you in meeting the standards (more details about the standards are available on the website www.instituteforapprenticeships.org)
- build a portfolio of evidence against the Teaching Assistan standards.





The Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship Programme: The following diagram shows the gateway and assessment methods, the order in which they need to be taken and typical timelines for the process leading to end-point assessment.



Extract from Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship Standard June 2018

(1) Employer determines when the apprentice is ready to proceed to the end-point assessment (EPA); employer may take guidance from the provider. EPA must take place after typically 18 months of learning.