



# SEND Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship

In 2020, BBC published an article that highlighted the difficulties that children with special educational needs and disabilities face in many schools, when they are only offered provision by way of education, health and care plans only after exclusion. Coupled with the fact that the number of pupils with special educational needs increased to 1.49 million in 2022, this illustrates the growing need for additional support in the sector.

The BeReady SEND Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship is designed to increase knowledge and skills in this area and provide a positive impact to learning outcomes for these pupils.



## Course overview

A recent Ofsted review found widespread weaknesses in the quality of what was provided for children with SEND.

With SEND responsibility becoming an ever-increasing part of the Teaching Assistant role, this programme leads both to the Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship (Level 3) qualification and development of key SEND skillsets.

**“ BeReady are a fantastic strategic partner for us – they understand our culture, our values. ”**

**Matt McIver**  
COO, Cidari Multi Academy Trust

The course is ideal for teaching assistants working in mainstream or specialist schools who want to get a recognised qualification whilst gaining additional support for the SEND responsibilities they are now undertaking.

It includes not only the promotion of academic achievement but also a realisation of the importance of pupils' emotional needs.

Used as part of your recruitment strategy to help attract and retain key talent, or to help develop your existing teaching assistants, this programme will provide ongoing development of your staff and a formal qualification to promote the best pupil outcomes.

Through our online delivery approach, we remove the need for travel outside of school hours, making it financially and logistically accessible to all. This is underpinned with the support of a dedicated Skills Coach with a wealth of sector experience.

This apprenticeship is being developed in conjunction with Wellspring Academy Trust – a strategic partner of BeReady with industry and SEND expertise.

# Programme overview\*

## Module 1

Introduction to the course and preparation for your studies

## Module 2

Provide an overview and awareness of SEND related issues

## Module 3

Learn how to contribute to the ethos and aims of your institution, and promote diversity, inclusion and equality

## Module 4

Implement safeguarding policies and safe practices, including online safety and maintaining confidentiality

## Module 5

Learn to work in partnership with teaching staff, SENDCo, and parents/carers to support learners

## Module 6

Reflect on own practice and identify appropriate professional development opportunities

## Module 7

Understand the specific needs of learners and build appropriate strategies to support learners

## Module 8

Promote engagement and teach learning behaviours to support development of independent learner

## Module 9

Establish relationships, promote positive behaviours and learn to apply school behaviour policies consistently

## Module 10

Support the social, emotional, mental health, wellbeing and personal care of all learners

## Module 11

Deliver individual and small group teaching within clearly defined parameters, alongside teachers and other professionals

## Module 12

Contribute to assessment by supporting the monitoring of learner outcomes and participation as agreed with the teacher

## Module 13

Support development of a stimulating and safe learning environment by assisting preparation of teaching that meet the diverse needs of learners

## Module 14

Learn to support or lead enrichment activities such as out of school activities and school clubs

## Module 15

Complete your course by developing your portfolio for your end point assessment

\*This course is based on the Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship. The content within each of the modules above is contextualised to include the relevant SEND aspects



## Programme Benefits

- ▶ Peer-to-peer learning
- ▶ Funded by the Apprenticeship Levy
- ▶ Delivered online via a variety of study methods
- ▶ 24/7 access to online learning materials
- ▶ Highly practical learning experience, applied directly to your role

### Entry requirements

- ▶ Employer agreement
- ▶ Level 2 English and Maths\*
- ▶ A valid and eligible residency status

\*Learners without these qualifications must achieve them prior to taking the End-Point Assessment.

- ✔ **Cost**  
£7,000, covered by the Apprenticeship Levy

- ✔ **Duration**  
Part-time, typically 15 months

- ✔ **Delivery style**  
Online, including tutorials, group discussions, engagement with reading materials and case studies

- ✔ **Qualification**  
Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship



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