

### Teaching Assistant Level 3

Teaching assistants work in Primary, Special and Secondary education across all age ranges encompassing special educational needs and emotional vulnerabilities. The primary role of the Teaching Assistant is to support the class teacher to enhance pupils' learning either in groups or individually, ensuring pupils understand the work set, know their learning objectives and stay on task in order to make progress. Promoting self-belief social inclusion and a high self-esteem play an integral part to pupils' well-being; ensuring pupils thrive in a positive, nurturing, safe environment.

**Entry** –apprentices may be expected to have already achieved 5 GCSEs, including maths and English, Grade c or above or 4/5 (new grading). Some employers will accept other relevant qualifications and experience, including a relevant Level 2 qualification.

#### On-programme

The apprentice must achieve the following on-programme assessment requirement prior to Gateway:

- Level 2 English and maths

#### Gateway requirements

The decision to take an apprentice through Gateway is made between the employer, Independent Training Provider and apprentice. The apprentice must have achieved all the required on-programme elements before they enter Gateway, including completion of a Portfolio of Evidence to support the Professional Discussion.

#### End Point Assessment (EPA)

The EPA for Teaching Assist contains 2 methods of assessment:

- Practical observation with questions and answers – carried out over two hours (+ or – 10%) and will take place in the apprentice's workplace. A Q and A session will take place after the observation and will last for 15 minutes (+ or – 10%).
- Professional discussion supported by a portfolio of evidence is a structured discussion of 90 minutes (+ or – 10%), following the Practical Observation, which will establish the apprentice's understanding and application of the knowledge, skills and behaviours identified in the assessment plan.

#### Grade aggregation table

Observation with Q & As	Discussion supported by a Portfolio of Evidence	Overall Grading
Fail	Fail	Fail
Pass	Fail	Fail
Fail	Pass	Fail
Distinction	Fail	Fail
Fail	Distinction	Fail
Pass	Pass	Pass
Distinction	Pass	Pass
Pass	Distinction	Pass
Distinction	Distinction	Distinction

**The duration of this apprenticeship is 18 to 24 months.**