

Education and Early Years

Teaching Assistants

Teaching Assistants support the class teacher to enhance learners' progress and development, ensuring that learners understand their work, know their learning objectives, and display positive learning behaviours.

As a Teaching Assistant you could:

- help teachers prepare lesson materials
- work with students one to one or in groups to support learning
- watch, record and report the progress students make
- look after children who are upset or unwell

Early Years Educator

Early Years Educators provide high quality early education and care to children from birth to age 5 in both indoor and outdoor learning environments.

As an Early Years Educator you could:

- plan and supervise activities ensuring a safe and secure environment for children's learning
- meets the care needs of the individual child such as feeding, changing nappies and administration of medicine
- watch, record and report the progress children make

Working Environment

Teaching Assistant work primary, secondary, special schools, alternative provision, and further education institutions such as sixth forms and colleges. Teaching Assistants work across all age ranges, supporting all learners.

Early Years Educators work in a range of settings such as children's centres, pre-schools, reception classes, playgroups, nursery schools, home based provision, hospitals, social care settings, out of school environments, and local authority provision.

Your working environment may be physically and emotionally demanding.

Skills and Knowledge

You'll need:

- sensitivity and understanding for building good relationships with children
- excellent verbal communication skills for motivating children to learn
- active listening skills to understand the children's needs
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- to be flexible and open to change for working on different activities
- to enjoy working with other people
- the ability to create the best conditions for learning or teaching new things
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

Entry Requirements

You'll usually need:

5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and Maths, for an advanced apprenticeship.

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How Will I Study?

You'll typically spend one day a fortnight in a Gen2 Skills Centre for teaching and support sessions. You'll spend the rest of the time at your workplace.

Duration

18 months plus End Point Assessment.

Next Steps

With experience, Teaching Assistants could take a course to become a higher-level teaching assistant (HLTA). With further study you could become a fully qualified teacher.

Early Years Educators may progress to a lead role or go on to further study.

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Teaching Assistant Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship

Early Years Educator Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship

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