

Apprenticeships

Specialist Teaching Assistant - Level 5

Support Learning for Pupils with Additional Needs – Hire a Specialist Teaching Assistant Apprentice

Inclusive education. Targeted support. Confident learners.

Why Hire a Specialist Teaching Assistant Apprentice?

- Provide tailored support for pupils with special educational needs (SEN)
- Improve classroom engagement and pupil progress
- Develop highly skilled staff for long-term retention
- Access funded training and mentoring

What Apprentices Learn:

Specialist Teaching Assistant apprentices are trained to provide advanced support for pupils with additional needs and help teachers deliver inclusive education. They develop skills in:

- **Supporting SEN Pupils**
Adapting learning materials, implementing strategies for autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and other needs, and using assistive technologies.
- **Behaviour Management**
Promoting positive behaviour, applying restorative practices, using de-escalation techniques, and supporting emotional wellbeing.
- **Safeguarding & Child Protection**
Recognising concerns, following statutory procedures, and maintaining a safe learning environment for all pupils.
- **Inclusive Teaching Strategies**
Differentiating lessons, supporting pupils with English as an additional language (EAL), and applying evidence-based interventions.
- **Literacy & Numeracy Support**
Delivering targeted interventions in reading, writing, phonics, and maths to close attainment gaps.
- **Monitoring & Assessment**
Observing pupil progress, using formative assessment techniques, recording outcomes, and feeding back to teachers and SENCOs.
- **Communication & Teamwork**
Collaborating effectively with teachers, SENCOs, therapists, and external agencies to meet pupil needs.
- **Professional Conduct & Reflection**
Developing resilience, confidentiality, and reflective practice to improve performance and contribute to whole-school improvement.
- **Leadership & Mentoring Skills (Level 5 focus)**
Supporting other teaching assistants, contributing to staff development, and leading small group interventions.

Why Partner with Bishop Auckland College?

- Education-focused tutors with SEN experience
- Local support and recruitment help
- Trusted by schools across the region

Typical Duration:

24 months plus 3 months for EPA

Delivery:

- One day per week at Bishop Auckland College
- Tutor assessment/observations in the workplace

End Point Assessment:

- Assessment 1: Observation with questioning – 120 mins
- Assessment 2: Professional discussion underpinned by a portfolio of evidence – 60 mins

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