

Could you make a difference in the classroom?

Build the skills and experience
to start a career as a Teaching
Assistant supporting pupils
with SEND.

Skills Bootcamp in Teaching
Assistant – Supporting SEND

10-week programme |
Free for eligible learners

Your next career
**Could start in
the classroom.**

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to register
your interest



Start your journey into education

Turn your ability to support others into a rewarding career

Teaching Assistants play an important role in helping children and young people participate, progress and succeed at school.

They work alongside teachers, provide individual and small-group support, adapt activities and help create inclusive learning environments.

For pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), the right support can make a significant difference to their experience at school.

Our Skills Bootcamp in Teaching Assistant – Supporting SEND is designed to give you the practical knowledge, skills and confidence to pursue employment as a Teaching Assistant, with a particular focus on supporting SEND learners.



LEARN



**BUILD
EXPERIENCE**



**PREPARE FOR
EMPLOYMENT**

could you become a teaching assistant?

You don't need to have worked in a school before

You might be returning to work, considering a career change or looking for a role where you can make a difference to children and young people's lives.

Teaching Assistant roles can suit people who are:

PATIENT AND SUPPORTIVE

You can encourage someone when they're finding something difficult.

GOOD COMMUNICATORS

You're comfortable listening, explaining and working with different people.

ADAPTABLE

You understand that different children may need different approaches to help them learn.

TEAM PLAYERS

You're happy working alongside teachers, other professionals and families.

READY TO LEARN

You want to develop the skills needed to work effectively in a school environment.

No previous teaching experience? That's ok.

The Bootcamp is designed to help you understand the role and build the knowledge and skills you'll need to take your first steps towards employment.

Learn how to support pupils with send

Build practical skills for the classroom

Over 10 weeks, you'll explore the role of a Teaching Assistant and develop your understanding of how to support pupils with SEND.

You'll learn about:

The Role of a Teaching Assistant

Understand what TAs do and how they contribute to effective SEND support.

Child Development and SEND

Explore typical and atypical development and how this can influence learning.

Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)

Understand the EHCP process and the Teaching Assistant's role in supporting individual needs.

Working with other Professionals

Learn how Teaching Assistants collaborate with teachers and other professionals.

1:1 and Group Support

Develop strategies for supporting individual learners and groups of pupils with SEND.

Adapting Learning

Learn how to use teachers' planning and adapt activities to meet individual needs.

Emotional Development

Explore holistic support, emotional development and the role of ELSA.

Technology and Resources

Discover tools and resources that can help SEND learners participate and progress.

Prepare for a real role in a school

This is a route towards employment

This Skills Bootcamp has a clear purpose: to help prepare you to secure employment as a Teaching Assistant supporting pupils with SEND.

The programme isn't simply about learning more about SEND. It's about developing the skills and understanding needed to put that knowledge into practice in a school.

YOUR GOAL

To be ready to apply for Teaching Assistant roles where you may be supporting children and young people with SEND.

IMPORTANT: Is this the right course for you?

This Bootcamp is designed for people who want to work as a Teaching Assistant and are prepared to support pupils with SEND as part of that role.

If you're interested in learning more about SEND, autism, mental health or supporting people with additional needs but aren't looking to become a Teaching Assistant, this isn't the most appropriate course for you.

Activate Learning offers other online courses that may be better suited to your interests, including courses in:

- ▶ Understanding Autism
- ▶ Children and Young People's Mental Health
- ▶ Understanding Behaviour that Challenges
- ▶ Awareness of Mental Health Problems
- ▶ Other care and support subjects

Interested in send, but not a TA career?

Explore our online Care courses instead.



Designed to help you
move forward

Where could it
take you?

Develop your skills over 10 weeks

The programme combines structured online learning with a strong focus on preparing you for the realities of working as a Teaching Assistant.

10 WEEKS

Complete your Bootcamp over a focused, term-time programme.

Online workshops

Take part in **two online workshops each week:**

Monday: **9.30am–12.30pm**
Thursday: **9.30am–12.30pm**

PRACTICAL, CAREER- FOCUSED LEARNING

Apply what you're learning to realistic situations you could encounter when working with pupils.

Prepare for your next step

Explore career opportunities and understand what comes next as you work towards securing a Teaching Assistant role.

Take your first step into education

By completing the Bootcamp, you'll have a stronger understanding of the Teaching Assistant role and the knowledge needed to support pupils with SEND.

You'll be better prepared to explore roles such as:



Teaching Assistant

Supporting learning and development within the classroom.



Learning support assistant

Helping individual learners or groups access learning and make progress.



SEND teaching assistant

Providing targeted support for pupils with additional needs.



1:1 support

Working closely with an individual learner to help them participate and progress.

**And getting your first role
doesn't have to
be the end of your
development.**

With experience, you could continue developing your career through further training and qualifications, including Teaching Assistant apprenticeships and progression opportunities.

Take your **first step**

Ready to start a career as a teaching assistant?

If you want a career where you can support children and young people to learn, develop and achieve their potential, this could be your opportunity to get started.

Skills bootcamp in teaching assistant – **SUPPORTING SEND**

Duration: 10 weeks

Delivery: Online workshops

Cost: Free for eligible learners

Career focus: Teaching Assistant
roles supporting SEND learners

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

You must:

- ▶ Be aged 19 or over
- ▶ Have the right to work in the UK
- ▶ Meet the programme's location eligibility requirements
- ▶ Preferably hold English and Maths at Level 2, such as GCSEs, and be working at or above this level
- ▶ Have basic working IT knowledge
- ▶ Be committed to pursuing employment as a Teaching Assistant

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