

Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools

Qualification Number: 501/1028/7

What is the purpose of this qualification?

The Certificate is designed to provide:

- Education and training for those with a responsibility to support teaching and learning within educational settings
- Opportunities for those supporting teaching and learning in schools to achieve a nationally recognised, Level 3 vocational qualification
- The knowledge, understanding and skills learners need to provide effective support for teaching and learning in educational settings
- Opportunities for learners to develop a range of skills and techniques, personal qualities and attitudes essential for successful performance in working life.

What does this qualification cover?

The Edexcel Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools (QCF) is a 32 credit and 180 guided learning hour (GLH) qualification that consists of 11 mandatory units. At least 24 credits must be achieved at the level of the qualification or above.

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The Edexcel Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools relates to the National Occupational Standards in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools.

Mandatory units cover the following subject areas;

- Communication and Professional Relationships with Children, Young People and Adults
- Develop Professional Relationships with Children, Young People and Adults
- Engage in Personal Development in Health, Social Care or Children's and Young People's Settings
- Promote Children and Young People's Positive Behaviour
- Promote Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Work with Children and Young People
- Schools as Organisations
- Support Assessment for Learning
- Support Children and Young People's Health and Safety
- Support Learning Activities
- Understand Child and Young Person Development
- Understand How to Safeguard the Wellbeing of Children and Young People

How is the qualification assessed?

Learners will be assessed via a portfolio of evidence.

Who could take this qualification?

This qualification is for all learners aged 16 and above. There are no formal entry requirements, however this qualification is designed to be taken by a learner who is already working or volunteering within a school environment in order to demonstrate the required skills.

It is also important that the learner has the language, literacy and numeracy skills necessary to achieve the qualification they are registering for and are offered support where needed, to ensure in turn they are able to support pupils literacy, language and numeracy skills.

For adult learners, this qualification can extend knowledge and understanding of work in the Supporting Teaching and Learning sector. It is suitable for those wishing to change career or move into a particular area of employment following a career break.

This qualification does not form part of the Apprenticeship for Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools

What could this qualification lead to?**Job roles such as:**

- Teaching assistant
- Classroom assistant
- Learning support assistant
- Additional needs assistant
- Pastoral/welfare support assistant
- Bilingual support assistant
- Foundation stage assistant
- Learning guide
- Learning coach
- Induction mentor
- Team leader

Learners who achieve the Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools could progress onto other teaching qualification such as;

- Pearson BTEC Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training (601/1238/4)

Or specialise their skills and progress to the;

- Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools (501/1208/9)

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification has been recognised by the following employers:

Tree House Nursery Schools
Priory Education Services
Porth Infants Schools
Academies Enterprise
Aquarius Employment Bureau Trust