

Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools

Qualification Number: 501/1036/6

What is the purpose of this qualification?

The Edexcel Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools (QCF) is a combined knowledge and practice qualification for those support staff roles that directly support teaching and learning for example teaching assistants or learning support assistants.

It 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 2 vocational qualification. The knowledge, understanding and skills learners need to provide effective support for teaching and learning in educational setting, 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 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools consists of 9 mandatory units plus optional units that provide for a combined total of 30 credits and requires a minimum of 180 guided learning hours.

The Edexcel Level 2 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;

- Child and Young Person Development
- Communication and Professional Relationships with Children, Young People and Adults
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Work with Children and Young People
- Help Improve Own and Team Practice in Schools
- Maintain and Support Relationships With Children and Young People
- Safeguarding The Welfare of Children and Young People
- Support Children and Young People's Health and Safety
- Support Children and Young People's Positive Behaviour
- Support Learning Activities

Optional units cover subjects such as;

- Schools as Organisations
- Invigilate Tests and Examinations
- Support Children and Young People at Meal or Snack Times
- Support Extra-curricular Activities
- Support Children and Young People with Disabilities and
- Special Educational Needs

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, for learning support staff with a working role which requires competence in a specialist area and/or across a varied range of responsibilities. They will be working under the direction of a teacher who has overall responsibility for teaching and learning in the classroom. They will contribute to planning, implementing and evaluating learning activities and will work alongside the teacher to support whole class activities, as well as working on their own with individual, or groups of pupils.

Although this qualification is part of the Intermediate Level Apprenticeships in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools, some learners may need or wish to take the qualification on its own, for example, learners who work on a part-time or on a voluntary basis and therefore would not be eligible for Apprenticeship funding.

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.

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 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools could progress onto a variety of qualification such as;

- Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools (501/1028/7)
- Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools (501/1208/9)
- Pearson BTEC Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training (601/1238/4)

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