

Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools

Qualification Number: 501/1208/9

What is the purpose of this qualification?

The Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools combines knowledge and practice for those specialist support staff roles that directly support teaching and learning. The Level 3 Diploma recognises competence in both generic and specialist aspects of supporting teaching and learning in schools. The purpose of this qualification is to confirm occupational competence.

Skills for Justice recognise this qualification as a combined knowledge and competence qualification within the Advanced Level Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools Apprenticeship.

What does this qualification cover?

The Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools consists of 11 mandatory units plus optional units that provide for a combined total of 44 credits and requires 232 guided learning hours, at least 40 credits must be at Level 3 or above.

The Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for 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

Optional units cover subjects such as;

- Provide Literacy and Numeracy Support
- Support Teaching and Learning in a Curriculum Area
- Support Children and Young People to Make Positive Changes in Their Lives
- Invigilate Tests and Examinations
- Work in Partnership With Parents to Engage Them in Their Children's Learning and Development in School
- Work With Other Practitioners to Support 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, 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 Advanced 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 voluntary basis.

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 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools could progress onto the 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

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Stoke Primary School
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Tree House Nursery Schools L.imited