

Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools

The Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools develops knowledge, skills and confidence and gives valuable professional recognition for experienced and specialist teaching assistants and classroom support staff.

It is based on recognised occupational standards and is jointly certificated by Best Practice and Pearson – the leading Awarding Organisation for vocational qualifications.

- Course duration: 12 – 15 months
- Assessed through observation, written answers, personal statements and workplace evidence
- Supported by e.learning and optional in-company workshops

Learners must achieve a total of 44 credits: 32 credits from Group A mandatory units, plus 12 credits from optional units. Credit values are shown below in brackets.

Level 3

Mandatory units – Group A	
■	Communication and professional relationships with children, young people and adults (2)
■	Develop professional relationships with children, young people and adults (2)
■	Engage in personal development in health, social care or children’s and young people’s settings (2)
■	Promote children and young people’s positive behaviour (3)
■	Promote equality, diversity and inclusion in work with children and young people (2)
■	Schools as organisations (3)
■	Support assessment of learning (4)
■	Support children and young people’s health and safety (2)
■	Support learning activities (4)
■	Understand child and young person development (4)
■	Understand how to safeguard the wellbeing of children and young people (3)
Optional Unit Groups *	
■	Supporting literacy and numeracy development
■	Supporting a curriculum area
■	Behaviour support
■	Supporting special educational needs / bilingual needs / gifted and talented pupils
■	Pastoral and welfare support / extra-curricular activities
■	Working with parents
■	Team leadership

* A full list of unit titles for optional units is available on request.

Highlights

- 60 – 90 minutes per week study & preparation time
- Assessed in the workplace by experienced assessors