



Intermediate and Advanced Apprenticeship in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools

INTRODUCTION

The supporting teaching and learning apprenticeships have become increasingly popular since their introduction under the title of Teaching Assistant Apprenticeships in 2006. With more than a 1000% increase in certificates awarded in 2010, the take up of apprenticeships in supporting teaching and learning is expected to continue to increase.

The intermediate apprenticeship is applicable to learning support staff whose responsibilities are closely supervised. The advanced apprenticeship is applicable to learning support staff whose role requires competence across a range of responsibilities. The frameworks provide training for the roles of teaching, classroom and learning support assistant: special needs assistant; behaviour support assistant / co-ordinator; pastoral / welfare assistant; foundation stage assistant; team leader.

WHAT WILL I DO

Most apprentices will begin by working towards the intermediate apprenticeship, from which you will be able to progress to the advanced apprenticeship.

Each framework will include a combined competence and knowledge qualification which will be either; Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools, (Intermediate Level), or Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools, (Advanced Level).

Also within the framework the apprentices must fully complete functional skills in Maths and English, Employee Rights and Responsibilities and Personal Learning and Thinking Skills.

Functional Skills are practical skills in English, Mathematics and ICT that enables everyone to work confidently, effectively and independently in life and at work.

A Functional Skill qualification in English @ Level 2 will show that you are competent in writing documents on complex subjects, making presentations, reading and summarising information as well as spelling, punctuation and grammar, in Mathematics @ Level 1 will show you can understand practical problems, select & apply maths in an organised way and use checking procedures, in ICT @ Level 1 or 2 will prove you can use ICT systems, find & select information, develop, present & communicate information.

Functional Skills have been produced as a response to calls from employers for more people to have these skills and they therefore form an integral part of an apprenticeship framework. They are the key to success that will open doors to learning and work.

Delivery of Functional Skills within the framework can happen in two ways:



- a) an apprentice attends day release, their functional skills will be delivered at college on that day.
- b) an apprentice does not attend college for their main qualification, they will need to attend college for a block week for each Functional Skill required for their framework. Dates of these block weeks will be discussed with the apprentice and their employer at sign up and they will be booked in advance.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE

It is estimated that the intermediate apprenticeship will take 12 months to complete whilst the advanced apprenticeship will take approximately 24 months to complete. Within the framework there must be a minimum of 100 Guided Learning hours in each year of delivery completed “off the Job”. This could be at College on a day release basis or away from the apprentices work station within the employer premises, all within the contracted hours of employment.

ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

Apprentices have to be employed for a minimum of 30 hours per week including their College day; employment must be within an appropriate environment. Employers must be willing to sign up to the training agreement and be prepared for an assessor to visit the workplace every 8 – 12 weeks for assessments and training reviews.

WHERE COULD IT LEAD

If you are up for the challenge and are ready to learn, successful completion of this course could enhance employment opportunities and gain you a widely recognised qualification, offering you new opportunities.

FEES

Apprenticeships are fully funded for 16 -18 year old and employers may be expected to pay an employer contribution for those 19 years or over.

For all apprentices within their first year of training the employer is required to pay the apprenticeship minimum wage of £2.50 per hour. Within the second and subsequent years of an apprenticeship programme the following applies:

16 – 18 year olds – the apprenticeship minimum wage

19+ - the required national minimum wage for the relevant age group.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A high level of attendance is expected at College for the apprentices as they are only attending one day per week where very intensive training takes place.

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply for this course by applying [online](#), by filling out an application form from the College prospectus or by contacting the Information Officer on 01205 313218 for further information.

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