



PRIORY APPRENTICESHIPS

Teaching Assistant Level 3

COURSE GUIDE

Overview

Teaching assistants play a vital role in delivering high-quality learning across schools. Their work supports effective teaching, strengthens pupil progress and contributes to a calm, purposeful learning environment.

As part of a Multi-Academy Trust, Priory Apprenticeships has a deep understanding of the realities of school life — from the pressures on teaching staff to the increasing complexity of learner needs.

Our Level 3 programme provides the practical skills, pedagogical knowledge and confidence needed to allow TAs to make a meaningful impact in the classroom.

About Priory Apprenticeships

Priory Apprenticeships is part of a large Multi-Academy Trust, giving us a leading insight into the needs, challenges and expectations of modern schools. We design our programmes specifically for the education sector, ensuring every learner receives training that reflects real-world classroom practice.

Our strong partnerships with schools mean our apprentices develop the practical skills, professional behaviours and confidence needed to make a meaningful difference in the classroom from day one.

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Why

BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYERS

- Strengthens classroom delivery through skilled, confident support
- Highly cost-effective, nationally recognised qualification
- Reduces teacher workload and supports whole-school priorities
- Provides a consistent, professional standard across support staff
- Proven to enhance retention and workforce stability
- Builds capacity for interventions, SEND support and behaviour strategies
- Developed by a MAT for schools — highly relevant to sector needs

BENEFITS FOR LEARNERS

- Develops practical, real-world classroom support skills
- Builds confidence in communication, behaviour and SEND support
- Strengthens knowledge of curriculum and assessment
- Provides personalised development aligned with school life
- Leads to a nationally recognised Level 3 qualification
- Supports long-term progression into HLTA, SEND, pastoral or specialist roles

How is the Programme Funded?

This programme is eligible for funding through the apprenticeship levy or Government Co-Investment. Employers may also be eligible for incentive payments from the Government for each learner on this course.

Course Value: £7000

Speak to us if you have any questions around programme funding.

Requirements

LEARNER

- Must be able to complete practical tasks and gather workplace evidence
- Should be committed to attending workshops and completing assessments
- Must have employer support to complete off-the-job training
- Must not already hold a teaching assistant qualification at level 3 or above

EMPLOYER

- Must provide a suitable TA role that allows the learner to practice and develop their skills
- Must allow active learning time (roughly 6 hours per week)
- Must support project activity and access to relevant systems and information
- Should assign a line manager or mentor to support learner progress

Typical Workshops

- 1 Induction & Introduction to the Role of a Teaching Assistant**

This workshop introduces the programme, clarifies expectations and explores the responsibilities of a teaching assistant within a school environment.
- 2 Communication and Collaboration**

Discover effective communication strategies for working with teachers, pupils, parents and wider school professionals.
- 3 Maintaining Boundaries**

Learn to build positive, professional relationships while maintaining safe and appropriate boundaries in line with school safeguarding culture.
- 4 Learning and Support with the Role of the SENCO**

Gain insight into how SENCOs lead inclusive practice, and how TAs support SEND provision across their school.
- 5 Behaviour**

Develop practical, evidence-based strategies to promote positive behaviour and support engagement in busy classroom settings.
- 6 Child Development**

Explore the key stages of development and how they influence learning, behaviour and support needs in school-aged pupils.
- 7 Visit to a SEND Specialist School**

Experience specialist SEND provision first-hand and observe approaches, interventions and environments that support diverse learners.
- 8 Social and Emotional Learning**

Learn how to support pupils' emotional wellbeing, resilience and readiness to learn — a key focus across modern schools.
- 9 Curriculum**

Understand the national curriculum and how teaching assistants help reinforce learning and adapt tasks to meet pupil needs.
- 10 Technology**

Explore how digital tools and assistive technology enhance accessibility and engagement in the classroom.

Typical Workshops

- 11 Assessment**
Learn how to observe progress, record evidence and contribute to assessment processes that support teaching and learning.
- 12 Delivery (Including Interventions)**
Develop the skills needed to deliver small-group and one-to-one interventions that align with a teacher's planning and school priorities.
- 13 Work-Based Observation**
Prepare for your practical observation by understanding expectations and showcasing your TA skills in your own school.
- 14 Safeguarding and Trauma-Informed Practice Refresher**
Refresh key safeguarding knowledge and explore trauma-informed approaches tailored to school contexts.

How Long is the Programme?

The Teaching Assistant programme is completed over 18 months, plus a 3 month assessment period.

How Will You Be Assessed?

Learners will be assessed throughout their programme and will be required to complete an end of programme assessment. During the programme learners build a portfolio of evidence demonstrating their leadership skills, behaviours and application within their workplace.

The EPA includes:

- A Professional Discussion – a structured conversation with an independent assessor, based on the apprentice's portfolio and real examples from their practice.
- A Practical Observation – an assessor observes the apprentice supporting learning in their work setting.

Get Started

EMPLOYER

If you are an employer, you can nominate team members that you would like to complete this professional training. Scan the QR Code and complete the short form or get in touch via our contact information below.

LEARNER

If you would like to enrol onto this programme yourself, speak to your line manager and they will support you. You can also reach out to us directly. Please note that we will need to contact your line manager to confirm you have support to complete the programme.



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