

# Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship with PE and SEND Specialism

## Fact Sheet

Apprenticeship Standard	<b>Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship Standard</b>
Duration of training	15 months (including 2 months for End-Point Assessment)
Apprenticeship overview	<p>Aspire Training Solutions has adapted the Teaching Assistant apprenticeship standard to incorporate a PE and sport specialism, along with enhanced training in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)</li> <li>Delivering Physically Active Learning</li> </ul> <p>This role allows schools to use apprentices flexibly, ensuring maximum impact for pupils while aligning with strategic priorities and national targets for physical activity, PE, and inclusive education.</p> <p>Apprentices will engage in training designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance classroom practice and teaching skills.</li> <li>Provide specialist training and qualifications in PE, SEND, and Physically Active Learning.</li> <li>Develop skills and experience to support them in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding how individuals learn and develop.</li> <li>Working with teachers to support assessment for learning.</li> <li>Gaining an understanding of the curriculum, particularly PE and inclusive learning.</li> <li>Keeping children safe and supported.</li> <li>Developing communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and motivation skills.</li> <li>Effectively supporting pupils with SEND.</li> <li>Delivering engaging Physically Active Learning interventions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Nature of job role relevant to Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours of the apprenticeship	<p>Schools can personalise the implementation of this apprenticeship based on their needs, resources, and demographics. The Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship with PE and SEND Specialism typically includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working directly with pupils across all key stages.</li> <li>Providing a range of teaching and learning support within full class teaching and small group work scenarios.</li> <li>Providing PE department support, including assisting in PE lesson delivery.</li> <li>Supporting core curriculum lessons with a focus on active engagement.</li> <li>Delivering extracurricular sports and activity programmes.</li> <li>Organising lunchtime activities to promote physical activity.</li> <li>Encouraging active lessons within the school curriculum.</li> <li>Developing PE interventions for targeted pupils and supporting active learning strategies.</li> <li>Supporting pupil participation in competitive sports events.</li> <li>Providing targeted SEND interventions.</li> <li>Using innovative Physically Active Learning interventions, such as Maths on the Move and English on the Move.</li> <li>Creating inclusive environments and activities for pupils with SEND.</li> <li>Implementing strategies to support neurodiversity within the school setting.</li> </ul>

Qualifications, certificates and training delivered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 3 Supporting Teaching and Learning</li> <li>• Level 2 Award in Multi-skills Coaching/Development in Sport (optional, £50 certification fee)</li> <li>• SEND and Neurodiversity Workshops</li> <li>• Maths on the Move &amp; English on the Move – Innovative Physically Active Learning interventions</li> <li>• Playground Activator Training – Building active, happy, and safe playtimes</li> <li>• Skills Festival Days and additional CPD opportunities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health &amp; Physical Activity</li> <li>• Practical Coaching</li> <li>• Safeguarding &amp; PREVENT</li> <li>• Behaviour Management</li> <li>• Supporting the PE Curriculum</li> <li>• Personal Development, Career Planning &amp; Employability Skills</li> <li>• Funding Bids &amp; Project Design</li> <li>• Digital Skills</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Functional skills in Maths and English (if required)</li> </ul>
End Point Assessment (EPA)	<p>The EPA process is conducted by an independent organisation and takes a maximum of 2 months. It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical observation with Q&amp;A session.</li> <li>• Professional discussion, supported by a portfolio of evidence.</li> <li>• Portfolio submission (10–15 pieces of evidence).</li> </ul> <p>Performance in the EPA will determine the apprenticeship grade of distinction, pass or fail.</p>
Professional recognition	<p>Successful candidates will be eligible for membership with the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA) as a Practitioner.</p>
Training model	<p>The apprenticeship training programme will include a blend of learning, including on-the-job training with an allocated workplace mentor and access to apprenticeship training delivered by Aspire Training Solutions. This apprenticeship training programme will include a structured timetable of provision including all the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Masterclass sessions</li> <li>• Skills festival days</li> <li>• Digital resources</li> <li>• Aspire:Ed online learning platform CPD courses</li> <li>• 1:1 progress reviews and development sessions</li> <li>• Employer reviews</li> <li>• Work based observations</li> </ul>



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