

Summary	
<p>This course is intended for people wishing to begin or develop a career as a Teaching Assistant, a Learning Support Assistant or Classroom Assistant. The course will help you to find voluntary work or employment in a job that can provide immense satisfaction and that allows you work flexibly term time only. If you already have a position in a school, this course will help you to understand your work place better, develop your knowledge of the sector and improve your skills.</p>	
What are the course aims?	What can it lead to?
<p>To develop your knowledge across a range of topics that are central to schools today and develop your skills in supporting children's learning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This course can lead to a position in a school either voluntary or paid</li> <li>• You can progress to the Level 3 course which will allow you further support responsibilities in your school</li> <li>• It can even be the first of three steps on the ladder to becoming qualified teacher if that is your ambition</li> </ul>
What will I study on this course?	
<p>You study a range of 'knowledge-based' units that are crucial for understanding your role as a support worker in a school, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools as Organisations (how different schools are organized and run)</li> <li>• Safeguarding and Child Welfare (how to look after and protect the children in your care)</li> <li>• Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (how to support children equally regardless of ability or background)</li> <li>• Communication and Professional Relationships (effective communication with both children and adults)</li> <li>• Child and Young Person Development (how children develop intellectually, emotionally and physically)</li> </ul> <p>You will also learn the skills of supporting children in their learning and how to develop your own career.</p> <p>Most units are mandatory (compulsory) whilst others are optional (you get to choose them in line with your interests).</p>	
Are there opportunities for trips or fieldwork?	
<p>If such opportunities arise, you will be notified in good time.</p>	
Are there any other costs?	<p>Apart from a course fee, you will be expected to pay for stationery.</p>
How will I be assessed?	What are the entry requirements?
<p>A portfolio of knowledge-based written assignments and skills-based work place assessments.</p>	<p>There are no formal entry requirements other than a secured placement in a school either voluntary or paid; this is <b>essential</b>.</p> <p>As you will be supporting children with their academic skills, it is important that you have good knowledge in areas, such as, numeracy, literacy and ICT. If you lack formal qualifications in these core areas, it is <b>strongly recommended</b> that you study for them at the same time.</p>
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