

<b>Summary</b>	
<p>This course is intended for people wishing to develop their career as a Teaching Assistant, a Learning Support Assistant or Classroom Assistant. It will help you to progress from voluntary or part-time employment as a TA/LSA to a more substantial role that could provide you with more responsibilities, such as, planning, supporting and assessing the work of children in school. This course will help you to broaden and deepen your knowledge of the sector you work in and improve your skills, making you a 'specialist' in your field.</p>	
<b>What are the course aims?</b>	<b>What can it lead to?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To deepen your knowledge across a range of topics that are central to modern education</li> <li>To broaden your skills in supporting children's learning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This course can lead to a more substantial part-time or a full-time position in a school</li> <li>This course can lead on to studying for a degree in education</li> </ul>
<b>What will I study on this course?</b>	
<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>Assessment for Learning (the different methods of assessment used in schools)</li> <li>Promoting Positive Behaviour (how to foster appropriate behavior in children)</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>	
<b>Are there opportunities for trips or fieldwork?</b>	
<p>If such opportunities arise, you will be notified in good time.</p>	
<b>Are there any other costs?</b>	<p>Apart from a course fee, you will be expected to pay for stationery.</p>
<b>How will I be</b>	<b>What are the entry requirements?</b>
<p>A portfolio of knowledge-based written assignments and skills-based work place assessments.</p> <p>No exams, but workplace observations.</p>	<p>There are no formal entry requirements other than a substantial placement in a school either voluntary or paid; at least one day/week is <b>essential</b>. NB: if you are not a contracted employee (part or full-time) at your school, you will find completing this course very difficult.</p> <p>As you will be closely 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 (GCSEs) in these core subjects, it is <b>strongly recommended</b> that you study for them at the same time.</p>
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