

Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools

This qualification is for those who are employed, or are working voluntarily, in schools as teaching assistants and have experience of directly supporting the teaching and learning of pupils.

The role of teaching assistant has developed and become much more professional in recent years; therefore greater breadth and level of responsibility are required in order to gain the Level 3 qualification. Applicants will normally have achieved the Level 2 Certificate or a similar qualification (e.g. Childcare) and be an effective member of the school team.

You will need to have a school placement for a minimum of 12 hours a week and attend a three-hour session in College each week.

You will be responsible for obtaining and paying for your own DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check through your school placement. It is important to apply for this as soon as possible.

Level 3 learners will be expected to work independently on research, school related tasks and assignments. Learners should be aware that this will form a large part of the course. There is the option to study additional units to qualify for the Level 3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools.

Recent students commended on the fantastic support from their teaching allowing them to achieve their best work. The in school observations were positive and showed students how to develop their skills in school.

There are a number of options available at GC to help you pay for your course fees:

Setting up a Direct Debit: You'll be asked for a 20% deposit when you enrol and this can be paid in cash, or by debit or credit card. Course fees must be paid in full by the end of your course so the monthly instalments would be adjusted accordingly e.g. for a one year course you would make 8 payments;

Advanced Learner Loan: Contact Student Services to find out more and whether this course is eligible;

Support for those that are unemployed and in receipt of benefits. Contact Student Services to find out if this course is eligible for funding and if you are eligible.

Entry Requirements

This course is available for applicants who are aged 19 and over as at the 31 August of the preceding academic year. Candidates must be able to show that they have a good standard of English and maths; at Level 3 we ask for GCSE grade C (or Level 4) or equivalent. You must also have secured a school placement of at least 12 hours. All prospective students must attend a briefing session with the course tutors. At this briefing you will be given further information about the content of the course and you will complete an English and maths assessment. Candidates whose scores in these assessments are below Level 2 will be

encouraged to study English and/or maths alongside this qualification. Once you have enrolled, you will complete a diagnostic review to help us identify the support you may require. Please continue with your application through this website. At level 3 we are looking for candidates who have significant experience in the classroom, either as a volunteer teaching assistant or an employed teaching assistant.

What's Next

Opportunity to access Higher Education. Eg. Foundation Degree. Tutor will give advice.

Your Options

	Start Date	End Date	Course Level
Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools (Part Time)			
Cheltenham	10/01/22	05/12/22	3
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