

Qualification Purpose Statement

Qualification title

NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
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What does this qualification cover?

This qualification provides you with the core knowledge and skills needed to work in an unsupervised support role with children or young people in primary, secondary or special schools.

You will need to complete 11 mandatory units to achieve this qualification, which include:

- Communication and professional relationships with children, young people and adults
- Schools as organisations
- Support learning activities
- Promote children and young people's positive behaviour
- Develop professional relationships with children, young people and adults
- Promote equality, diversity and inclusion in work with children and young people
- Support assessment for learning
- Understand child and young person development
- Understand how to safeguard the well-being of children and young people
- Support children and young people's health and safety
- Engage in personal development in health, social care or children's and young people's settings

Completion of this qualification is achieved through a combination of classroom-based learning and experience in the workplace.

All the units within this qualification are vocationally based, directly helping you gain the knowledge, understanding and skills required to work in an unsupervised support role within a school setting.

There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification but you will need to be at least 16 years of age.

This qualification will take approximately 12 months to complete.

What knowledge and skills will this qualification give you?

Completion of this qualification will equip you with the essential knowledge and skills required to work in an unsupervised support role within a school setting, for example:

- planning and preparing for learning activities
- using assessment strategies to promote learning
- responding to challenging behaviour
- managing risks to health, safety and security in a work setting and off- site visits.

Is this qualification right for you?

This qualification is a good choice for you if you are currently working in unsupervised roles that support pupils' learning or if you are interested in entering the workforce in roles including teaching assistants, learning support assistants or similar roles at Level 3.

This qualification is ideal for you if you have already completed the Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools, as you will already have a basic understanding of the unit subject matter; undertaking the Level 3 Certificate will allow you to build on this knowledge and apply it in real work settings.

You will need to be working, volunteering or on practical placement as you will need to show competence in both knowledge and skills.

Why should you take this particular qualification?

You should take this qualification if you want to work in an unsupervised capacity in job roles where you will work directly with children or young people in a school environment. It is ideal for you if you have previous experience or qualifications in this subject area and want to work in unsupervised job roles which require greater responsibility than at level 2. It will equip you with the knowledge and skills to provide a broad range of curriculum-based learning and specialist support (e.g. providing one-to-one support for a child).

There is a Level 3 Award and Level 3 Diploma in this subject area. The Level 3 Award in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools is more suitable for learners who have no prior knowledge of the subject area but are able to start at a higher level (Level 3) due to previous experience or study in a related area (e.g. childcare). The Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools builds on the content of the Certificate with additional optional units, providing an opportunity to specialise or develop knowledge and skills in areas of particular interest. The Level 3 Diploma can also be undertaken as part of the Advanced Apprenticeship in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools.

There is a Level 2 Award and Level 2 Certificate in this subject area. The Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools is suitable for learners with no experience of working in school support roles. The Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools is suitable for those with a basic knowledge or some experience of working in school support roles, and are looking to enter the workforce or progress to further learning in the same area. The Level 2 Certificate can also be taken as part of the Intermediate Apprenticeship in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools.

This qualification is not available as part of an Apprenticeship Framework.

What could this qualification lead to?

This qualification provides you with the knowledge, understanding and skills to work in a variety of unsupervised job roles that support children and young people's learning in schools, such as:

- teaching assistant
- learning support assistant
- special needs assistant.

If you are looking to continue studying after completion of this qualification, completion of the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools provides you with the knowledge and skills to progress to:

- NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools
- Advanced Apprenticeship in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by the following employers:

- Bradford College
- Sir John Thursby Community College
- Preston Grange Primary School
- The Bridge School
- Walker Primary School
- St Gregory's Catholic Academy
- St Paul's C of E VC First School