

# Teaching Assistant - Introduction

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## Course overview

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Working in Education and Training is a highly rewarding and well-respected career pathway. The sector covers working in schools as a Teacher's Assistant or working with adults in either a college or training centre setting.

The role of a Teaching Assistant can be very varied with the key purpose to support the teacher within the classroom and enable pupils to get the most from every lesson. A Teaching Assistant may support and encourage children in need of extra help, listen to children read, prepare classrooms for lessons, help teachers plan activities, help to manage classroom behaviour, support teachers to maintain records of pupil attainment, as well as providing general help within the classroom and school. A good Teaching Assistant is invaluable to a school and this role can often lead to other opportunities and progression pathways.

This pre-requisite introductory course will provide you with an overview of what being a Teaching Assistant entails.

## What will I study?

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You will:

- Be inducted into The Adult College of Barking and Dagenham and be introduced to our on-line learning system – so that you can access classwork/assignments from home.
- The roles and responsibilities of working in schools.
- The types of Jobs & careers opportunities within the education environment.
- Be Assessed on your current levels in functional skills.
- Be informed of your progression routes.

## Assessment method

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You will complete an online assessment of your functional skills. Teachers will also assess your communication and written skills, through verbal and written assignments and tasks.

## Entry requirements

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No previous experience required but ideally you will need a good level of communication in English.

### **What should I bring with me?**

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You will need to provide notepad & pen or your chosen method of note-taking.

### **Key information**

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Where possible this course will take place on site with social distancing measures in place.  
In the event of a lockdown, the course will take place online via MS Teams.

### **Possible next steps**

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Following the successful completion of this course, you will be supported to enrol on to the most suitable level course for you.  
**Level 1 Preparing to work in Schools, L2 Supporting Teaching and Learning**

### **Contact us**

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Our friendly staff can give you further advice and support.



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