

LEVEL 4 Certificate for Higher Level Teaching Assistants

A 100% online qualification for working teaching assistants ready to step up to a higher-level role, with full tutor support throughout.

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CREDITS

360

TQT

87

GLH

7

UNITS

OVERVIEW

A competence-based qualification for teaching assistants who want to progress towards Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) work. It builds your skills in child development, special educational needs, positive behaviour and curriculum planning, and is based around the HLTA professional standards. It does not award HLTA status itself, which needs a separate national assessment.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Designed for people already working in primary, secondary or special schools or early years settings as teaching assistants, learning support assistants, SEN teaching assistants, cover supervisors, learning mentors or pastoral support assistants who want to build on their expertise.

DURATION & DELIVERY

Study 100% online through BSA's Virtual Learning Environment with full tutor support. Take up to 9 months at your own pace, or fast-track in as little as 5 weeks.

ASSESSMENT & VERIFICATION

Every unit is internally assessed by BSA's qualified assessors and externally verified by Focus Awards.

- Written assignments with detailed tutor feedback
- Witness testimony signed by your workplace supervisor

PRACTICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Practical work is assessed in your school workplace
- You must show competence working with children or young people
- You will reflect on your own practice
- Simulated practice is not accepted

UNIT STRUCTURE (7)

1. Professional knowledge and development for higher level teaching assistants
2. Child development and well-being
3. Supporting children and young people with special educational needs
4. Promoting children and young people's positive behaviour
5. Working with individual and groups of learners
6. Positive working relationships
7. Curriculum planning, monitoring, delivery and assessments

CAREER PATHS

Graduates move into Higher Level Teaching Assistant roles, working with children and young people in school settings.

COURSE FACTS

Awarding body: **Focus Awards**

Qualification No.: [601/8533/8](#)

Level: **Level 4**

Regulator: **Ofqual**

Study mode: **100% online**

Minimum age: **16+**

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Aged 16+
- Working in a school as a teaching assistant

PROGRESSION

On successful completion, learners can progress directly to:

- [Focus Awards Level 3 Award in Education and Training \(RQF\)](#)
- [Focus Awards Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training \(RQF\)](#)
- [Focus Awards Level 5 Diploma in Teaching \(FE and Skills\) \(RQF\)](#)