

Qualification title:	OCR Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools (QCF)		
Qualification number:	501/0857/8	Credit value:	44
An overview of this qualification	<p>This qualification is for those members of the school workforce who directly support teaching and learning of pupils in schools in an area that requires specialist knowledge and skills. The qualification incorporates the units in the Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools and allows you to specialise in more specific topics and roles.</p> <p>The primary purpose of the qualification is to confirm that you are competent in the role of Teaching Assistant. You will undertake a learning programme to help you to become competent in a role where you have responsibility in supporting the teacher in the classroom and wider school activities. You could help plan, carry out and evaluate a wide range of learning activities. You'll work both alongside the teacher to support classroom activities, and alone with individuals or groups of students. It targets the key skills, knowledge and competence that employers would expect of someone working at this level as a support worker (Teaching Assistant) in a school.</p> <p>There are eleven mandatory units which enable you to gain a range of skills and knowledge as you work in your supporting teaching and learning role in schools. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication and professional relationships with children, young people and adults • Schools as organisations • Understand child and young person development • Understand how to safeguard the wellbeing of children and young people • 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 • Engage in personal development in health, social care or children's and young people's settings • Support children and young people's health and safety <p>Additional optional units cover specialisms which you may be working in in role at Level 3 such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting learning • Supporting English as an additional language • Supporting special educational needs • Providing pastoral support • Supporting the wider work of the school • Working with colleagues 		

	<p>This qualification is competence-based, is assessed in the workplace and can be taken as an Apprenticeship in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools. You may already be in employment and want to increase your skills and knowledge without the additional requirements of the Apprenticeship Framework and therefore may choose to complete the qualification outside of the framework.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum amount of vocational learning = 44 credits • Maximum amount of vocational learning = 44 credits
Entry requirements	<p>No previous experience or qualifications in this subject are required, although you can progress to this qualification from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCR Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools (QCF) 501/0432/9 or the • OCR Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools (QCF) 501/0041/5 although this is not mandatory. <p>You will need to be working in a school either as a volunteer or employee.</p>
Age restrictions	You must be a minimum of 16 years old
Is this qualification right for me?	<p>The OCR Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools (QCF) is right for you if work or volunteer in a school carrying out a support role within the classroom i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • teaching/classroom/learning support assistant • behaviour support assistant/coordinator • pastoral/welfare support assistant • bilingual support assistant • team leader <p>This qualification is part of a suite of qualifications in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools (STLS) at Levels 2 & 3 and consists of units based on the national occupational standards developed by the Training and Development Agency (TDA), who were the recognised sector body responsible for the training and development of the school workforce.</p>
How could I progress from this qualification?	<p>Occupational roles that you may progress to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • teaching assistant • learning support assistant • special needs assistant • additional needs assistant • behaviour support • assistant/coordinator • pastoral/welfare support assistant • bilingual support assistant • foundation stage assistant • cover supervisor • learning guide • learning coach

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • induction mentor • team leader <p>This qualification provides the recognition to lead to a supervisory / leadership role within a teaching assistant team. You may wish to apply for Higher Level Teaching Assistant Status (HLTA) via your Regional Provider.</p> <p>Individuals could progress onto specialist roles such as Supporting gifted and talented learners, Team leadership, Bilingual support, Invigilation and / or Special Educational Needs support. OCR offer qualifications for those wishing to specialise in this area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCR Level 5 Diploma in Teaching Learners with Specific Learning Difficulties (QCF)(600/3017/3) and • OCR Level 7 Diploma in Teaching and Assessing Learners with Specific Learning Difficulties (QCF) (600/3018/5) <p>This qualification is often taken as a step on the transition from a classroom teaching assistant into a teaching role. You may be able to progress onto an undergraduate degree with a focus on education, learning or youth work, onto a graduate teacher programme, a post graduate certificate in education or onto a school-centred initial teacher training programme.</p>
<p>Support</p>	<p>This qualification is supported by the following employers:</p> <p>St.Mary’s Church of England Primary School Britannia Bridge Primary Cheam Farm Park Infants School The Stephen Hawking School The Castle School King’s Sutton Primary Academy St Elizabeths School Herne Hill School</p>
<p>Further information</p>	<p>To find out more about the OCR L3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools (QCF) please refer to the Centre Handbook available on the OCR website: http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/80824-centre-handbook.pdf</p> <p>If you have any other queries please contact: vocational.qualifications@ocr.org.uk</p>
<p>About us</p>	<p>OCR is a leading UK awarding body. We provide qualifications which engage people of all ages and abilities at school, college, in work or through part-time learning programmes.</p> <p>Our general and vocational qualifications equip learners with the knowledge and skills they need for their future, helping them achieve their full potential.</p>