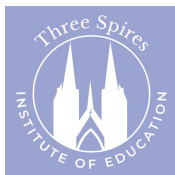




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Train to be a SEND school teacher

with our Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship (PGTA)



PGTA AT A GLANCE

Course Duration: up to 15 months

- ✓ Choose to specialise in:
 - Curriculum stage 3-7 years
 - Curriculum stage 5-11 years
- ✓ Full pay on unqualified teacher pay scale
- ✓ No fee for student teachers
- ★ Awards Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)

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Introduction to Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship (PGTA) with SEND Specialism

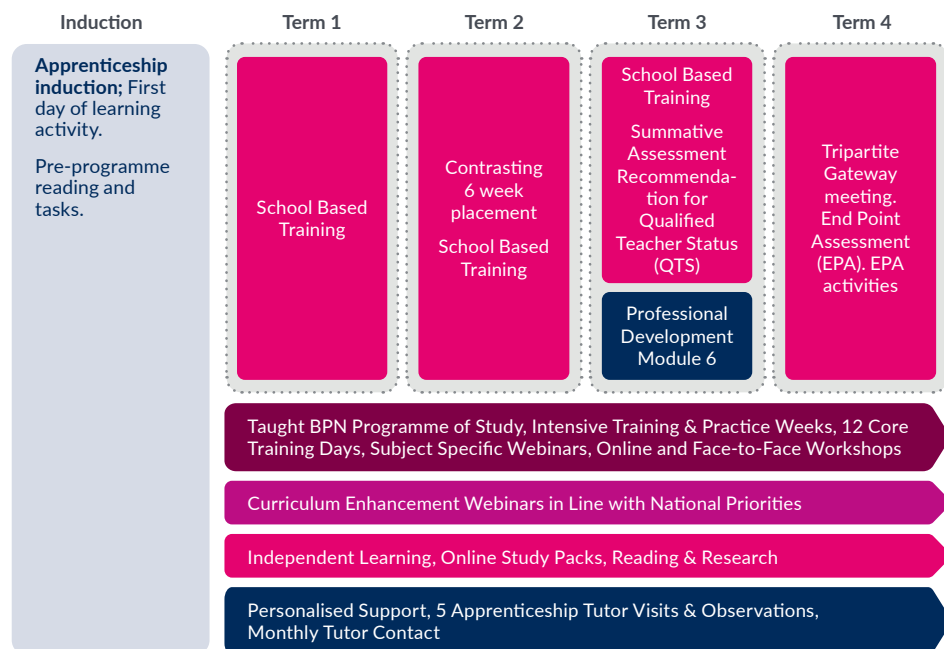
Best Practice Network offers a high-quality specialist SEND teacher training designed for entrants to the teaching profession who aspire to become qualified teachers in special schools or specialist provision within mainstream schools.

Student teachers choose from one of two curriculum stages, both full time, lasting up to **15 months**:

- **Early Years and Key Stage One (Curriculum stages 3-7 years).** Student teachers will experience delivering an EYFS and Key Stage One curriculum across two schools.
- **Key Stages One & Two (Curriculum stages 5-11 years).** Student teachers will experience delivering a Key Stage One and Key Stage Two curriculum across two schools.

Student teachers will be immersed in a SEND school during term 1. They will then complete a 6-week placement in Term 2 in a contrasting mainstream school.

Programme overview



Our ITT programmes are equivalent to a Level 6, therefore, there is no PGCE element to complete. A PGCE is not required to teach in schools in England which is why it is not a compulsory part of our teacher training.

What are the benefits?

- **Placement experience:** benefit from professional learning and teaching practice in our partner placement schools
- **Learning applied in practice:** develop skills and techniques which can be immediately applied in your placement or employment setting
- **Fully supported:** receive the support of a BPN tutor and in-school mentor and get help from our wellbeing and programme teams
- **Sequenced curriculum:** a curriculum deliberately structured to build on the previous term's learning. Your classroom practice will improve as your knowledge builds
- **Research-informed:** access the latest research and evidence-based practice to inform your own teaching and learning
- **National cohort:** join a network of like-minded individuals across the country

We envision our student teachers gaining Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) with us before going on to complete the **Early Career Teacher (ECT)** programme to build a solid foundational understanding of pedagogy and teaching best practice.

As they progress in their careers, they might choose to specialise in a specific area of teaching and complete one of our **Specialist NPQs**. Should they develop ambitions to join their school SLT or become a headteacher, we could support them with a **Leadership NPQ**.

This end-to-end career support for teachers is known as the Golden Thread and Best Practice Network is thrilled to be one of the first providers to be approved by the Department for Education to offer this whole broad suite of training.

Eligibility

To enrol on the Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- A bachelor's degree, or equivalent with a 2:2 or above
- GCSE grade 4/C or above in English, maths and science, or the recognised equivalent
- Need to have been in the UK for the past 3 years
- School experience is not an entry requirement, however we strongly recommend this as a way of helping to confirm your chosen career



Upskill current staff members?

Why?

- ✔ Improve Staff retention rates
- ✔ Use the Apprenticeship Levy to fund
- ✔ There is no cost to learner/staff member
- ✔ Helps build quality provision/ futureproof workforce

Who?

- ✔ Teaching Assistants
- ✔ HLTAs
- ✔ LSAs

Recruit new staff members?

Why?

- ✔ Support from BPN with recruitment
- ✔ Use the Apprenticeship Levy to fund
- ✔ There is no cost to learner/staff member
- ✔ Helps build quality provision/ futureproof workforce

Who?

- ✔ Anybody who meets the eligibility criteria and passes the full interview and enrolment process.

£ Funding routes

Levy funding

If your setting contributes to the apprenticeship levy fund

Levy paying employers can access their fund contributions through their **Apprenticeship Service Account**. You can use this service to manage the funds you have available for apprenticeship training in England.

Co-investment

If your setting does not contribute to the apprenticeship levy fund

You pay 5% towards the cost of the training for your apprentice. The remaining 95% will be paid by the government.

Levy transfer

Apprenticeship levy transfer

Employers with unspent funds can **transfer up to 25%** of that contribution to another employer. That means you can benefit from the levy contributions of a different organisation to cover the full costs of an apprenticeship for your setting.

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