



University of Northampton

Faculty of Education and Humanities



Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Course Summary

The Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) programme supports teaching assistants and other school support staff in demonstrating their knowledge and skills. Successful assessment against HLTA standards would lead to gaining HLTA status.

HLTAs work under the guidance of a teacher within clearly defined roles and responsibilities relevant to their own educational settings. They are experienced practitioners who offer specialist support for learning. A HLTA in a primary school, for example, might give support across the curriculum but with particular expertise to support progress in numeracy, literacy, music or art and design. In secondary schools, HLTAs may be used as specialist assistants for specific subject or department development.

Since HLTAs are highly skilled and have good knowledge of specific aspects of the curriculum, they are able to undertake whole class teaching activities under the guidance of a teacher, with teachers remaining the leaders and experts in the classroom. The particular responsibilities of an individual HLTA is decided by the school management.



Course Content

The three preparation days are designed for candidates that already meet the 33 HLTA standards. You will be supported in preparing for your assessment in completing tasks, producing supporting evidence and preparing for an assessor to visit your setting. These three preparation days are designed to address all HLTA standards in relation to the candidate's work in their educational settings.

Modules

You must demonstrate that you meet the standards by writing tasks based on your work in school with:

- An individual child
- A small group
- A whole class (without a teacher present)
- Five other tasks of the candidate's choice

Assessment

Written tasks are assessed alongside oral and associated documentary evidence gained during an assessor visit to the candidate's school.

Assessment must normally be undertaken within twelve working weeks of your attendance of the final day of preparation.

Course Level:

Professional Status

Location:

Northampton, Leicester, Derby, Lincoln and other venues in the East Midlands area

Career Opportunities

Teaching assistants with HLTA status are recognised by colleagues as being able to work at a higher level with increased responsibility. Working towards this goal can be regarded as a natural progression for able and experienced support staff within education.

Course for progression:
Foundation Degree in Teaching and Learning.

Entry Requirements

You must have the endorsement of your head teacher who will give you the opportunity to take whole classes and advance the learning of pupils without the presence of an assigned teacher.

To meet HLTA standard 11, you must have achieved a nationally recognised qualification at level 2 or above in English and Mathematics (GCSE).

Application Details:

Application is direct to the University at hlta@northampton.ac.uk

Duration of Study:

Attendance for the preparation is 3 days

Additional Information

The cost for preparation and assessment is a total of £800. The preparation for assessment fee is £350. The assessment fee, in line with the HLTA National Assessment Partnerships £450. Please be aware that payment of the programme fee does not guarantee achievement of the HLTA status.

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