

Level 5 Speech, Language and Communications Leadership Programme (with HLCP qualification)

Fully-funded using the Apprenticeship levy



Take the lead on supporting pupils with speech, language, and communication needs (SLCN) in your setting



Build strong leadership and operational management skills while gaining specialist expertise in supporting children and young people with speech, language and communication needs.

You will develop a strong understanding of national policy and legislation, lead effective communication interventions across your setting, drive strategic change, and strengthen collaboration between settings and specialist services. Together, these skills will help ensure every child receives high-quality provision and support for their speech, language and communication needs across their learning journey.



What will I gain from the programme?

You'll gain the opportunity to champion inclusive practices across your setting plus;

- ★ The ability to liaise effectively with the SENCO, parents, and local SLCN and Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT) services
- ★ Enhanced team management skills, including coaching and mentoring of colleagues to effectively support speech, language and communication skills
- ★ Improved knowledge to understand and identify SLCN, and to implement effective support strategies
- ★ The confidence and skills to make data-driven decisions including monitoring and evaluation of activities and interventions for pupils with SLCN
- ★ The confidence to support/lead referrals to SaLT and SLCN services for diagnostic and clinical assessments and advice
- ★ The nationally-recognised Higher Level Communications Practitioner award from OCN London

Programme content

This comprehensive programme will equip practitioners with the essential knowledge and skills to support their SENCO in providing and modelling strong practices to support individual learners with SLCN

The apprenticeship comprises five phases of learning:

- ★ Knowing your organisation
- ★ Understanding the landscape and identifying areas for development
- ★ Preparing to lead change
- ★ Leading change
- ★ Evaluating impact

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How you'll learn

Qualification	Study Style	Duration	Additional Qualification	SEND Masterclasses	Assessment
 Level 5 Operations Manager apprenticeship	 Self-paced online. Live online workshops. In person or virtual termly progress reviews	 17 months plus a 2 month Apprenticeship Assessment	 Higher Level Communications Practitioner (HLCP) Award from OCN London	 Learn from SEND experts and extend your knowledge	 Portfolio. Work based project. Presentation with questions and answers. Virtual observation

Eligibility

To be eligible, you will need to:

- Have experience working in an educational setting. This could be as a Teaching Assistant, Learning Support Assistant (LSA) or equivalent role for at least a year (full-time equivalent)
- Hold **Elklan's Level 3 qualification in Speech and Language Support for 5-11s or 11-16s**, or **NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Supporting Children and Young People's Speech, Language and Communication**. Don't have this qualification? You might like to consider the Language and Literacy specialism of our [Level 5 Specialist Teaching Assistant programme](#), which includes the Level 3 Elklan qualification.
- Declare you have achieved a minimum of GCSE English at Grade 4 (Grade C) or above, or hold an equivalent Level 2 Functional Skills qualification
- Have support from your Headteacher/line manager and SENCO
- Be employed at least 16 hours a week and spend at least 50% of your working hours in England over the duration of the apprenticeship
- Have lived in England for the last three years and have the right to work in the UK

Applying for an apprenticeship

For full details and to apply, scan the QR code to visit our website.
As part of the application, you'll need to provide photo-ID, evidence of your SLCN qualification and a contact in your school who will approve your application.

