

Ascentis **Level 5 Diploma** in **Teaching Disabled Learners** **Rule of Combination**



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Qualification Overview

The Level 5 Diploma in Teaching Disabled Learners has been designed for teachers with a generic teaching qualification or trainee teachers who wish to obtain a specialist qualification in teaching disabled learners.

The Diploma is suitable for teachers, tutors and trainers who may be working in an FE college, Community Learning and Skills provider or Independent Learning provider and for those delivering work-based training, for example within voluntary, community, private or public organisations.

Potential trainee teachers should be aware that, since 2007, they have been able to undertake a standalone qualification prior to embarking on a generic teaching qualification, as well as alongside or afterwards.

There are several features of this qualification that make it very appropriate for its target learners:

- Ascentis-devised assessment tasks are designed to cover all the assessment criteria within the units
- Verification and certification can be offered throughout the year, allowing maximum flexibility for centres
- The assessment strategy, a combination of the Personal and Professional Practice File (3PF) and assessment tasks, is a distinctive and holistic approach to the assessment requirements of the Diploma, and highly relevant to learners working or intending to work with learners with disabilities or learning differences
- The qualification can be delivered either as a standalone course or as a blended learning programme with, for example, the Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training
- It allows for a minimum of 50 hours of teaching practice in learning environments with disabled learners

Aims

The aims of the qualification are to enable learners:

- To have a sound subject knowledge base for teaching disabled learners in a range of teaching and learning contexts
- To develop the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes for teaching disabled learners
- To promote personal and professional development
- To enhance the quality of teaching and learning

Target Group

This qualification is aimed at a range of learners, including:

- Teachers who may already have a recognised generic teaching qualification, but no recognised qualification in teaching disabled learners
- Trainees who have opted to undertake the standalone qualification prior to taking a generic teaching qualification

Regulation Codes

Ofqual Regulation Number: 601/0466/1

Assessment Method

To achieve the Level 5 Diploma in Teaching Disabled Learners, evidence of achievement of all the assessment criteria must be demonstrated, together with at least 50 hours of teaching practice, of which there must be at least 4 observations totalling a minimum of 4 hours. Any single observation must be a minimum of 30 minutes.

Ascentis devised assessment tasks are available but centres may devise their own if there is a rationale for moving away from the Ascentis devised assessment strategy. These will need to be approved by Ascentis prior to delivery.

Learners need to complete the Personal and Professional Practice File (3PF) and the appropriate assessment tasks for each unit according to the rules of combination, in order to achieve the qualification. The 3PF and assessment tasks are marked within the centre by an assessor who may or may not be the tutor delivering the course. Tutors/assessors should consider whether all the assessment criteria that the 3PF/assessment tasks covers have been met. All assessment criteria across the units being taken must be achieved in order to gain the qualification.

Please see the Specification in the Login area of the Ascentis website for detailed information on assessment for this qualification.

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Ascentis Level 5 Diploma in Teaching Disabled Learners				
Maximum credits: 45 Minimum credit value at level of qualification or above: 45				
Group A – Mandatory Units				
Credit (from Group A) Mandatory units: 45				
Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Understanding theories and frameworks for teaching disabled learners	Level 5	15	40	Y/505/0759
Inclusive teaching and learning for disabled learners	Level 5	15	40	R/505/0758
Action learning for teaching in a specialist area of disability	Level 5	15	40	J/505/0756
Credits from equivalent units: Please contact the Ascentis office to request equivalences, and ask to speak to a member of the Qualifications Development Team.				
Credits from exemptions: Please contact the Ascentis office to request equivalences, and ask to speak to a member of the Qualifications Development Team.				

Guided Learning Hours (GLH)

The recommended guided learning hours for this qualification is 120.

Total Qualification Time (TQT)

The total qualification time for this qualification is 450.

Age Range of Qualification

This qualification is suitable for learners aged 19+.

Contact & Further Information

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