



Level 3 Award for Technical Specialist SENCOs in Early Years Settings

Dates: 09/10/2026, 25/01/2027, 17/05/2027

Locations: Lisson Grove Centre

This course will enable learners to acquire the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to develop additional specialist competence with education and early years. It will help practitioners to understand their responsibilities to children with special educational needs (SEND) and children who have English as an additional language (EAL).

Entry Requirements

This is a Level 3 course. Learners need to have a minimum of functional skills Level 2 speaking and listening, reading and writing and Functional skills level 2 Maths. Evidence of your certificates for your English will need to be seen. Additionally, you should have at least basic digital IT skills. You may need to have an Initial Assessment followed by an interview to assess your full suitability for the course.

What topics does the course cover?

There are 2 mandatory units which cover - Roles and responsibilities of the special educational needs co-ordinator in the early years
Strategies and techniques for supporting children and families

How will I be taught and assessed?

This course will be taught face to face in the building.

Are there any other costs or equipment I need to get?

Learners on a low income or in receipt of applicable benefits will not be required to pay a fee. You will need regular access to a computer or laptop and reliable internet service to complete this course. Once enrolled, learners will be able to download a free copy of Microsoft Office and will be given access to Microsoft office 365.

By the end of the course what should I be able to do?

Upon completing the course you will be able to support learners in early years between the ages of birth to 5 years.

What are the progression opportunities following this course?

This qualification can lead to employment as a Early Years SENCO or opportunities to progress further in education with special educational needs, early years education or teaching and learning