

# Level 7 Senior Leader Apprenticeship with embedded NASENCO Award



Plans for the new NPQ SENDCO qualification have been put on hold due to the White Paper on SEN published last year. With an election looming, and the ensuing hold on developing new legislation pushing courses into 2024/25, we have developed a joint qualification that provides a nationally recognised Level 7 senior leader qualification whilst studying the requisite skills, knowledge and techniques that secure the NASENCO qualification. The first cohort would begin in September 2023.

Exemplar content would include:.

- The current SEN funding context and what this means for schools
- How is SEN provision offered in different settings
- The increase of children in mainstream with SEND needs; implications.
- A case study involving an annual budget; planning and contingency
- Applying for grants, working with partners
- Purchasing and management of materials and resources
- Funding for individuals and groups.
- Difficult conversation training.
- Leadership styles and strategies in schools.
- Promotion of the work of the SEND team; displays, website, safeguarding and SEN whole school policy
- Incorporating new ideas; e.g. supporting with Dyslexia, Autism, Inclusion.

The Level 7 Senior Leader apprenticeship would run for approximately 15 months and requires 20% of paid time to be ring fenced for off the job training as a requisite element. It can be fully funded by the apprenticeship levy to a maximum amount of £14,000. The NASENCO award would normally be offered at the same time as the End Point Assessment for the apprenticeship although the two are not formally linked. This enables, for example, different completion dates for the NASENCO Award due to other workload commitments.

It is envisaged that the next cohort will be recruited nationally as several postholders are already deep into their three-year tenure before qualification must be secured.

It is envisaged that the course will blend online sessions with some regional face to face teaching and school visits. Each trainee will have a tutor and the End Point Assessment is carried out by a third party; usually an HE partner. Progress on the course will be recorded on our e-portfolio, Onefile accessed by all training stakeholders.

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