

# Higher Level teaching Assistant Courses



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## School:

Education

## Staff:

Sue Graves

## Project:

School support staff already make a vital contribution to pupils' learning and achievement. Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) status is aimed at reinforcing and improving their skills, to support and complement the class teacher. Teaching assistants with HLTA status are able to work more closely with the teacher, freeing them up to have more time to develop each child to his or her potential.



LJMU and Hope University, working together as the Merseyside and Cheshire Partnership (MCP), have been providing preparation and assessment for Higher Level Teaching Assistants since September 2004.

In April 2006, LJMU and Hope University became a Provider of Preparation (POP) for delivery of prescribed preparation training for Teaching Assistants (TAs) to achieve Higher Level Teaching Assistant recognised TDA (Teaching and Development Agency) status. Sue Graves, Senior Lecturer in Education and Gill Smylie from the Business Development Team identified the opportunity to offer additional training courses and support for Local Authorities to develop this key role in the classroom.

### Client benefits:

- Over 150 TAs have completed the HLTA preparation and assessment, with another 100 on HLTA related provision
- A key training course in the portfolio is 'Mentoring Your Colleagues towards HLTA Status'. This has proven popular with Local Authorities and HLTA candidates who appreciate the benefit of a mentor who can fully appreciate the process of gaining HLTA status and offer guidance and support along the way
- Local Authorities able to comply to DfES policy

### Academic and Student benefits

- Provide links to Foundation Degree and other degree provision within the faculty
- Provides academics with the opportunity to engage with the wider workforce in schools to develop focussed continuing professional development programmes and identify research opportunities
- The mentoring element can be developed to offer mentoring training to other target audiences and therefore access new markets
- New course development: HLTA Specialist Courses - i.e. SEN, Behaviour Management, Science
- Two sessional lecturers have been appointed to increase capacity and sustainability

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