

Table of Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) approved qualifications
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Awarding Body	Qualification
Bishop Grosseteste College	Certificate in Professional Studies in Education – SEN
	Advanced Diploma in SEN
British Dyslexia Association	AMBDA
Bristol Polytechnic	B.Ed/B.Ed (Hons) Special Education (from 1983)
Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College	Graduate Diploma in Psychology
Cambridge Institute of Education	Advanced Diploma in Educational Studies (The Education of Children with Special Needs)
Canterbury Christ Church University College	Advanced Certificate in Specific Learning Difficulties/Dyslexia
	Postgraduate Certificate in Specific Learning Difficulties/Dyslexia
	Advanced Certificate in Special Needs Co-ordination (SENCO)
CARE, Pakistan	CARE Teacher Training Programme for SpLD
Centra	Teaching Adults with Dyslexia (SpLD) (enables holder to prepare reports only for candidates aged 16 years and above)
Cheltenham & Gloucester College of HE	M.Ed Educating Children with Specific Learning Difficulties
	Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching Children with Specific Learning Difficulties
Chester College of Higher Education/University College Chester	Postgraduate Certificate in SEN with the following four modules: CUM 500 or CU3 500 (An introduction to Special Educational Needs), CUM 501 or CU3 501 (Assessment across the curriculum), CUM 506 or CU3 506 (Children with Specific Learning Difficulties) and CUM 509 or CU3 509 (Individual learning programmes for Children with Specific Learning Difficulties)
Christchurch College of Education, New Zealand	Higher Diploma of Teaching
	Diploma of Education of Students with Special Teaching Needs

Awarding Body	Qualification
City College Manchester	GMOCN Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Dyslexia Students: Unit 3 – Assessing Dyslexia Students (only suitable for assessing students of the age of 16 and above) If this qualification has been achieved before 2005, it will not be accepted as meeting the JCQ criteria for approved qualifications.
College of St Mark and St John (Plymouth)	M.Ed (Special Educational Needs)
	Diploma in Advanced Professional Studies
	BPhil (Special Educational Needs)
College of Teachers (formerly The College of Preceptors)	Associate of the College of Preceptors (Specific Learning Difficulties)
Colorado University	MA in Education /Psycho-Educational Studies
De Montfort University	MA in Dyslexia Studies
	Postgraduate Certificate/Postgraduate Diploma in Dyslexia Studies
Doncaster College (Awarded by Sheffield Hallam University)	Master of Arts in Educational Studies
Dyslexia Institute	Postgraduate Certificate in Dyslexia and Literacy (Live Mode) (if completed via distance learning, an additional day of face to face training must be undertaken)
	Postgraduate Diploma in Dyslexia (or the Dyslexia Institute Diploma if the Dyslexia Institute Literacy Programme has also been completed)
	Diploma/Certificate in Teaching Children with SpLD
	Teacher Assessment for Exam Special Arrangements Course
East Sussex County Council	MA in Education Studies (Diploma in Dyslexia)
Edge Hill College of Higher Education	Certificate of Advanced Study (Special Education Needs)
Georgia State University	Masters of Education in Education of Students with Mild Handicaps
Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre	Diploma for Teachers of Learners with Specific Learning Difficulties

Awarding Body	Qualification
Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre (cont..)	RSA Diploma in SpLD
	RSA Certificate plus Double Module in Formal Assessment
	OCR 308 Diploma SpLD
	OCR 307 Certificate SpLD + Units B and F
	OCR Level 5 Certificate SpLD
	OCR Level 5 Diploma SpLD
Hornsby International Dyslexia Centre	Hornsby Diploma
	Hornsby Kingston Distance Learning Postgraduate Diploma in SpLD (Dyslexia)
	Hornsby Distance Learning Diploma in SpLD (Dyslexia)
Irlen International Institute	Irlen Institute Screener Certificate (if held alongside a professional teaching qualification)
	International Diploma in Learning Difficulties
	Certified Diagnostician Certificate
Institute of Education, University of London	Certificate of Education
Lancaster University	MA Special Educational Needs
Liverpool John Moores University	Postgraduate Certificate in Specific Learning Difficulties
	Postgraduate Certificate in Special Educational Needs (SENCO)
	Master of Arts in Special Educational Needs
Manchester Metropolitan University	Diploma in Teaching Specific Learning Difficulties
	Postgraduate Diploma (Specific Learning Difficulties)
	Diploma in SpLD and Diploma in SpLD (FE/HE)
	Postgraduate Certificate (Specific Learning Difficulties)
	Postgraduate Certificate (Specific Learning Difficulties) FE/HE
Massey University (New Zealand)	Master of Education (Special Education)

Awarding Body	Qualification
Middlesex University	MA SEN
	MA SpLD
Napier University (Edinburgh)	Post-Graduate Certificate in Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia)
New College Durham	Bachelor of Education (must include Learning Difficulties option)
The Nottingham Trent University	MA (Special Educational Needs)
	Dyslexia Module of the Certificate/Post Graduate Diploma of Education
Nottinghamshire County Council Local Authority	OCN – Understanding, Managing and Assessing and Supporting Learners with Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia)
OCR (Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations) (formerly RSA)	Level 7 Certificate and Diploma in Assessing and Teaching Learners with Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia) (previously Level 5 Certificate and Diploma for Teachers of Learners with Specific Learning Difficulties)
	E801 Difficulties in Literary Development
	Certificate for Teachers of Learners with Specific Learning Difficulties (if supplemented with units B and F from the Diploma)
The Open University	Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology
	BA/BSc Psychology
	Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Studies in Education (Course E801 – Addressing Difficulties in Literacy Development)
Oxford Dyslexia Foundation	Oxford Certificate in SpLD accredited by Middlesex University
	Master's Certificate in SpLD
Patoss	SpLD Assessment Award Practising Certificate
Portsmouth Polytechnic	PGCE 'Children with Learning Difficulties'
Real Training	Certificate in Psychometric Testing, Assessment and Access Arrangements (CPT3A)
Rutgers Graduate School of Education	M.Ed, Ed.D (Reading and Learning Disabilities)

Awarding Body	Qualification
Somerset LEA	Postgraduate Diploma in Complex Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia)
St. Bartholemew's Hospital Dyslexia Centre	Bart's Dyslexia Therapist's Course (course no longer runs)
St. Martin's College, Lancaster	Postgraduate Diploma/MA in Education (SEN)
St Mary's University College, Belfast	BEd Primary with English (including special needs modules)
Southampton University	Postgraduate Diploma (Advanced Teaching in SpLD)
	Postgraduate Certificate of Educational Studies in SpLD Assessment, Identification and Teaching of Individuals
	Post Graduate Certificate in Education -1976 (from La Saint Union College)
	MSc in SpLD
	PCES in Assessment and Identification
South Bank University (previously accredited by University of Greenwich)	The London Language and Literacy Unit Certificate in Adult Dyslexia Support (Cert ADS) Level 3 or M
	Postgraduate Certificate in Adult Dyslexia Diagnosis and Support
South Nottingham College	Professional Development Programme with units in Understanding, Supporting and Assessing Specific Learning Difficulties (Note: all must be included)
Suffolk Anglia Polytechnic University	Postgraduate Certificate (SpLD)
	Post Graduate Certificate in Education
Susie Secemski Course	Advanced Course in SpLD
Swansea Institute of Higher Education	Certificate in Professional Development in Education in Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia)
	AMBDA
Swansea LEA	Teaching Pupils with SpLD (Dyslexia)
Teesside University	Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching Pupils with SpLD (Dyslexia) within the School Context

Awarding Body	Qualification
University of Chichester	Master of Arts in Education (Must include Teaching Children with SpLD module and Writing Reports for Exam Concessions module)
	Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Must include Teaching Children with SpLD module and Writing Reports for Exam Concessions module)
	Postgraduate Certificate in Educational Studies
University College London	Certificate in the Diagnostic Assessment and Management of Literacy Difficulties
University College Worcester	Master of Education (Special Needs)
University of Aberdeen	Postgraduate Certificate in Special Educational Needs
University of Birmingham	Advanced Certificate (Specific Learning Difficulties/Dyslexia)
	Postgraduate Certificate (Specific Learning Difficulties/Dyslexia)
	B. Ed (Hons) Severe Learning Difficulties
	BPhil/Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Special Education – Hearing Impairment)
	BPhil/PgDip/M Ed in Dyslexia Studies
	BPhil in Education (Special Education – Learning Difficulties)
University of Bradford	Advanced Diploma in Special Educational Needs
	Certificate in Specific Learning Difficulties/Dyslexia
University of Brighton	Professional Development for Specialist Teachers of Dyslexia (Secondary)
University of Bristol	Further Professional Studies Certificate in Education – Children with Learning Difficulties (Course no longer runs)
University of Central Lancashire	Postgraduate Diploma (SpLD)
	Postgraduate Certificate (SpLD)
	University Certificate (Professional Development, SpLD Module SN 4200)
University of Durham	Bachelor of Education

Awarding Body	Qualification
University of East Anglia	MA (Special Educational Needs)
University of Edinburgh	Post Graduate Certificate in SpLD (Dyslexia)
	AMBDA
University of Exeter	Master of Education (SEN)
	Diploma of Advanced Professional Studies – Dyslexia
	Bachelor of Philosophy in Education (SEN)
	PhD 'The Acquisition of Literacy at Secondary School'
University of Gloucester	M. Ed (must include module - Educating Children with SpLD)
	Post Graduate Certificate in Specific Learning Difficulties
University of Hertfordshire	Master of Arts in Special Education Needs
	Post Graduate Diploma (Education of Deaf Children)
	Specialist Teacher Report – Teacher of the Deaf
University of Hull	Advanced Certificate/Diploma/Master of Arts in Inclusive Education
	Advanced Certificate/Diploma/Master of Arts in SEN
	Master of Arts in Education (Applied Educational Studies)
University of Kingston	Dyslexia Institute Postgraduate Diploma in Dyslexia (Specialist Education)
	Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Studies in Education (SpLD/Dyslexia)
University of Kwazulu-Natal	BA Honours (Educational Psychology)
University of Lancaster	Postgraduate Certificate in Education (with emphasis on the teaching of slow-learners at Secondary school)
	Master of Arts in Educational Research (must include options on Research on Teaching and Learning and Psychology)
University of Leeds	Advanced Diploma in Special Educational Needs
	MA in Deaf Education (Teacher of the Deaf Qualification)

Awarding Body	Qualification
University of Leeds (cont..)	Postgraduate Diploma in the Education of Children with Special Educational Needs
University of Leicester	Certificate in Professional Studies in Education (SENCO qualification or Special Educational Needs)
	Advanced Diploma in SEN (must include the Identification and Assessment of Learning Difficulties module)
University of Liverpool	Master of Education (SEN)
	Diploma in Advanced Studies in Education (must include Assessment and Identification module)
University of Liverpool, Chester	Double module entitled 'Issues in Assessment'
	Certificate of Advanced Study in SpLD (from 1990 onwards)
	Graduate/Postgraduate Diploma in SEN
	Diploma of Advanced Study in SEN (from 1990 onwards)
	Graduate/Postgraduate Certificate in SpLD
University of London, Institute of Education	Advanced Diploma in the Psychology and Education of Students with Special Educational Needs
	Certificate in Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia)
	MA in Special Education (Inclusion and Disability Studies or Psychological Perspectives)
	MA in the Psychology and Education of Students with Special Needs
	MA in the Teaching and Learning of Reading and Writing
	Graduate (previously 'Advanced') Diploma in Special and Inclusive Education (Must include the Specific Learning Difficulties Double Module)
	Diploma in the Education of Handicapped Children
	Graduate (previously 'Advanced') Certificate in Specific Learning Difficulties and Inclusive Education
	Certificate in Psychology and Education for Special Needs (must be supplemented with a special assessment session)

Awarding Body	Qualification
University of Manchester	B.Sc Hons Psychology
	Diploma in Advanced Study in the Education of Hearing Impaired Children
	Advanced Diploma SpLD
	Diploma in Advanced Studies in SpLD (Literacy)
University of Newcastle upon Tyne	MSc Education Psychology (from 1986 onwards)
University of New England (Australia)	Bachelor of Education (Special Education)
University of Northampton	Diploma in SpLD
	Diploma in Professional Studies in Education (Special Educational Needs)
	Master of Education (Special Needs)
	Advanced Diploma in Special Education
University of Plymouth	Master of Education/Postgraduate Diploma Education (Must include modules on Assessment, Specific Learning Difficulties and Language Difficulties)
University of Reading	Diploma in Further Professional Studies: Teaching Children with Written Language Difficulties
University of Sheffield	In Service Certificate in Social & Educational Studies (Specific Learning Difficulties)
	M.Sc Educational Psychology
	M. Ed Special and Inclusive Education
University of Southern Queensland	Master of Education (Guidance and Counselling)
	Master of Education (Special Education if EDU8317 (Advanced Educated Assessment) is completed)
University of Surrey, Roehampton Institute	Certificate in Professional Practice – Children with Literacy Difficulties
	MA in Education – must include module ‘Effective Inclusion: Children with Literacy Difficulties (SEN)’

Awarding Body	Qualification
University of Sussex	Diploma in Dyslexia/Specific Learning Difficulties
University of Wales, Aberystwyth	Master of Education (must include Dyslexia modules)
University of Wales, Bangor	Post Graduate and Masters course to include modules 4016, 4017 and 4011: Theoretical Background to Dyslexia, Principles of Teaching Dyslexic Learners and Principles of Assessment for Teachers. These give eligibility for AMBDA.
	Postgraduate Diploma in SEN
	Master of Education (must include Dyslexia module)
	Postgraduate Certificate in Education (2000 onwards)
University of Wales, Cardiff	Master of Education degree which includes module U49
University of Wales, Newport	MA (SEN-SpLD)
	Postgraduate Diploma SEN (SpLD)
	Postgraduate Certificate (SpLD)
	AMBDA
University of Wales, Swansea	Certificate of the University of Wales in SpLD/Dyslexia
	AMBDA
University of Warwick	B.Ed. Learning Difficulties
University of the West of England, Bristol	Postgraduate Certificate (SpLD)
	B.Ed Special Educational Needs
	Master of Education (Must include both UTC S03D3/M Dyslexia: A Practical Course for Teachers and UTC I01 S3/M Child Study)
University of York	Dyslexia Institute Postgraduate Diploma in Dyslexia (Specialist Education)
	Dyslexia Institute Postgraduate Certificate in Dyslexia and Literacy (Live Mode)
	Dyslexia Institute Postgraduate Certificate in Dyslexia and Literacy (Distance Learning, with Dyslexia Institute Teacher Assessment for Exam Special Arrangements Course)

Awarding Body	Qualification
Victoria University of Manchester	B.A.Hons Combined Studies and Audiology
York St John College of the University of Leeds	Certificate in Advanced Educational Studies in Special Needs
	Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies

Criteria for approval of a qualification for Specialist Teachers preparing reports in support of Access Arrangements

- The holder must be qualified to work as a teacher/ tutor in a secondary school or college or college of further education.
- The course must be sufficiently detailed and of sufficient length to enable the holder of the qualification to teach and assess secondary aged pupils with specific learning difficulties successfully and without supervision. Additionally, knowledge and skill in assessment **must be** adequately observed, assessed and accredited, as detailed below.
- The course should incorporate specific training with regard to the Joint Council for Qualifications Regulations and Guidance Relating to Candidates Eligible for Adjustments in Examinations.
- **Assessment of cognitive abilities:** Specifically, training in and experience of objective administration of tests of cognitive ability which can be administered individually. This must include tests of verbal ability (e.g. The British Picture Vocabulary Scale) and non verbal tests (e.g. The Ravens Progressive Matrices).
- **Assessment of understanding of the theoretical bases underlying standardised tests:**
Specifically this must include:
 - The concept of validity
 - The concept of reliability
 - Standard deviations and the normal curve
 - Standard scores, quotients, (per)centiles and age equivalent scores
 - The concept of a significant discrepancy between scores (statistical)
 - Either standard error of measurement or confidence intervals for test scores
- **Assessment of attainments:** Specifically training in and experience of objective administration of attainment tests which can be administered individually. This must include tests of reading accuracy, reading speed and spelling, all of which have appropriate test ceilings for assessing GCSE candidates. Appropriate methods of assessing writing speed should also be covered.
- **Diagnostic assessment:** Specifically training in and experience of administering and interpreting such tests. An extensive range of diagnostic tests and their interpretation must be covered.

The course tutor is asked to sign that the course meets the Awarding Bodies' required criteria, as specified in the list above and as implied in the Regulations and Guidance document which they have read. This must be countersigned by the Head of Faculty or equivalent.