

# WEA Course information sheet

## 2020-21



<b>Course title:</b> Working as a teaching assistant - taster (evening class)	<b>Course ID:</b> C3532249	
<b>Start date:</b> 01/04/2021	<b>End date:</b> 01/04/2021	<b>Day(s)/time(s):</b> Thu 18:00
<b>Number of sessions:</b> 1	<b>Hours per session:</b> 2	<b>Tutor:</b> Michael Ray
<b>Additional hours:</b>	<b>Online Learning Hours:</b> 0	
<b>Specific funder/partner requirements:</b>		
<b>Awarding body (if any):</b> <b>Title of qualification to be gained:</b>		<b>Level:</b> Level 1
<b>Fee:</b> £.00 or <b>Free</b> if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) <b>Accreditation Fee</b> (if applicable):		
<b>Venue:</b> Online Learning, Online, ZZ99 9ZZ		
<b>Theme(s):</b> The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision. <b>Employability</b> – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment <b>Health and Wellbeing</b> – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing <b>Community Engagement</b> – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities <b>Culture</b> – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments  The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are: 1. <b>Employability</b> 2. <b>Community Engagement</b>		

<b>Course Aim</b> To recognise the skills and qualities needed to work as a teaching assistant
<b>Course Description</b> Students will begin to explore how skills, knowledge and experience can impact on teaching and learning in the school environment. Students will consider professional conduct and the requirements held by schools to become a teaching assistant or volunteer.
<b>Do I need any particular skills or experience?</b>
<b>What will I achieve?</b> <b>By the end of the course I will be able to:</b> 1. Describe the skills and qualities required to effectively support teaching and learning 2. Identify school's requirements and procedures for becoming a teaching assistant or volunteer 3. Identify next steps on the schools and parenting Pathway
<b>What teaching methods will be used and will there be work outside of the class?</b> - The WEA tutor will use a range of different teaching and learning methods and encourage you and the group to be actively involved in your learning

- Activities may include tutor presentation, small group work, working in pairs, class discussions, short tasks and research

### **What kind of feedback can I expect from the tutor?**

- A range of informal activities will be used by the tutor to see what you are learning which may include quizzes, question and answer, small projects and discussion
- You will have opportunities to discuss your progress with your tutor
- You will be encouraged to share your work with the group and discuss your learning

### **What else do I need to know? Is there anything I need to bring?**

- Nothing else is needed
- A selection of materials and basic equipment will be provided but you are welcome to bring additional materials with you
- Tutors will suggest sources of additional information where relevant

### **Pre-course work, reading and information sources**

- No pre reading or pre course work is required

### **Possible next steps after this course (including career opportunities if appropriate)**

- Become involved as a volunteer for a WEA partner or another organisation
- Progress to another WEA course such as 'Introduction to Volunteers Helping in Schools' or the NCFE accredited 'Volunteers Helping in Schools'

### **Learning with the WEA**

WEA courses increasingly make use of the rich variety of educational tools and material available on the internet and from digital devices. The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will play an increasing role in all WEA courses to provide resources or support, or to conduct lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. It is helpful, although not essential if you have access to a computer or smartphone to support your course.

You can read about your entitlements and responsibilities as a WEA student in our leaflet, Student Handbook here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/student-support> This includes information on fees, learning support and financial support. As part of your course you accept our Learning Agreement and Privacy Notice. Full details of the Learning Agreement and privacy notice can be found on our website at <http://www.wea.org.uk/policies>. This applies to all courses you take in this academic year.

You can enrol online for most courses <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or contact: WEA Support Services, Suite 10B Joseph's Well, Hanover Way, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS3 1AB Tel: 0300 303 3464 Email: [courseenquiries@wea.org.uk](mailto:courseenquiries@wea.org.uk)



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