

## TA Professional Development Pathways Pathway 2 – Developing specialist SEND knowledge

A course that introduces Teaching Assistants to knowledge and strategies they need to support learners with high incidence SEND including; autism, dyslexia, speech and language needs and social, emotional, and mental health needs. The course also features a session on the use of assistive technology.

Our experienced leaders introduce staff to current research and support them to apply this to their practice through live, collaborative sessions and we offer opportunities for asynchronous reading and reflection using our popular workbooks.

At the end of the programme your TAs will:

1. Understand some of the additional challenges faced by learners with SEND
2. Identify potential indicators of SEND to support early identification
3. Have a toolkit of useful strategies and approaches to overcome barriers to learning
4. Know how to support emotional regulation for learners
5. How to use assistive technology to improve participation and engagement

*The programme is delivered online, with a live introductory session on 22nd April 2026 1:30 – 2:00pm and a Q&A session on 20th May 2026 from 1:30 - 2:30pm*

All sessions will take place virtually. The cost of each Pathway programme is £50 per delegate. Please contact [courses@compassps.uk](mailto:courses@compassps.uk) for more information.

