



National Professional Qualification for **SENCOs**

**Become an expert leader of special educational needs
and learn how you can build an inclusive culture
in your school where all pupils can succeed.**

- > New NPQ replacing the NASENCO qualification
- > Build on your existing SEND expertise
- > A 18-month leadership qualification for SENCOs
- > Flexible learning to suit your timetable

Become a SEND expert

Are you a current or aspiring SENCO? This is a new mandatory programme for SENCOs to complete in the first three years of your role. Learn to implement tailored strategies and effectively lead on SEND across your school.

Benefits for SENCOs

> Excel as a SENCO

Learn how to become a strategic leader of SEND. You'll discover what good SEND provision looks like and work with other staff to support your school to meet the needs of all pupils, whilst working confidently within statutory guidance.

> Establish a positive culture

You'll lead on establishing and sustaining a positive, safe and supportive culture across your school for all pupils.

> Develop a strategic SEND provision

Learn how to contribute to and implement a strong and robust SEND strategy and support the delivery of effective provision, working with other agencies and specialists for pupils with SEND, and their families.

> Designed by SEND experts

Benefit from a programme which is designed and delivered by SEND specialists including current SENCOs and experts from across the sector.

> Learn at your pace

This programme is designed to fit around your leadership role and much of the work can be completed in bite-size chunks around your existing work timetable.

Benefits for schools

> Develop your school's SEND provision

Your SENCOs will learn strategies and solutions to implement a strong SEND provision across your school. This includes creating an effective school-wide culture and supporting the development of a positive, safe and supportive school environment where all pupils can thrive.

> Access the latest SEND learning

Teachers and leaders will bring more evidence-based teaching and learning into your classrooms, meaning high quality teaching and improved outcomes for all pupils, including those with SEND.

> Create a 'golden thread'

Your SENCOs will benefit from an evidence-based NPQ framework with a common language that they can share with colleagues.

> Retain your teaching talent

By allowing teachers to develop and nurture their talents in specialist areas such as SEND, you are investing in their future. This will boost their confidence, making them feel supported and less likely to apply for jobs elsewhere.

> Tap into a network

Your SENCOs will train alongside peers from other schools with similar contexts, supported by facilitators that fully understand your school's needs.

What does the training include?

This programme follows the Department for Education's NPQ for SENCOs framework [National professional qualification for special educational needs co-ordinators \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/115444/national-professional-qualification-for-special-educational-needs-co-ordinators.pdf)

You will learn how to

- > Contribute to establishing and sustaining a positive and supportive culture across the school for all pupils.
- > Support senior leaders to ensure staff and governors enact statutory guidance.
- > Support teachers and support staff to understand the importance of expert teaching for all pupils and to implement a graduated approach in the classroom, subject or domain effectively.
- > Support the delivery of effective provision for pupils with SEND and their families, and be able to review, monitor, evaluate and improve the impact of SEND provision.
- > Work with staff, specialists and other agencies to assist the school in meeting the needs of all pupils.
- > Implement an efficient SEND identification process which ensures that barriers to learning are identified and addressed at the earliest opportunity.

How is the training delivered?

The programme is made up of nine courses, each lasting six weeks. Each course is taught through a combination of independent self-study modules, a facilitated live clinic, and a peer-led community session. The programme starts with a one-day live conference.

How much does the training cost?

Department for Education-funded scholarships are available for publicly funded-schools and academies in England. Contact us to find out if you're eligible.

If your setting isn't eligible, the NPQ for SENCOs costs £1,332 + VAT.

You can find your local delivery partner and their contact details on our website.

"The amount of flexibility given means that even while workload is very high, I can choose to make time for my own development when it suits me."

Ambition NPQ participant



91% of teachers and school leaders would recommend their Ambition NPQ to a colleague
(Ambition Institute participant survey, April 2024, 3,345 respondents)

Note: programme content is subject to change.

About Ambition Institute

A great teacher changes the future every day. They can be the critical factor in a child's success, especially for those who have had a tough start in life. At Ambition Institute, we support teachers and school leaders at every stage of their careers, helping them to keep getting better.

We are a charity providing training and professional development based on the most rigorous research and evidence about what really works. Together, we're shaping the future of education to give every child the best start in life.

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"The content is very well researched and stimulates the thinking needed to work at senior leadership level."

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