

CAREERS

at a glance

JOB OF THE WEEK

What is it?

Learning Mentor

Learning mentors help students and pupils deal with any difficulties they have with their learning.



Day to day tasks

You'll work in schools or colleges, and will support students of all abilities with issues like:

- poor attendance
- lack of self-confidence, self-esteem or motivation
- failure to achieve their full potential
- behaviour or emotional difficulties
- difficulty settling into school or college
- personal difficulties

You'll work with students on a one-to-one basis outside of the classroom. You may also provide group activities, and be involved in out-of-school activities and homework clubs.

Your day-to-day tasks would include:

- developing one-to-one mentoring relationships with pupils
- visiting parents at home to give them advice about dealing with issues and concerns
- developing action plans for students and monitoring their progress
- working closely with teachers and other professionals, like social workers, educational psychologists and education welfare officers

Qualifications

Local Education Authorities (LEAs), schools and colleges set their own entry requirements. As a minimum, you'll usually need a good standard of general education, especially in literacy and numeracy, experience of working with children or young people, either through paid work or volunteering. You can go on college courses in mentoring or supporting teaching and learning in schools to help you prepare for this work, but they aren't essential.

You'll also need clearance from the [Disclosure and Barring Service](#) (DBS).

Salary

Child and early years officers: UK annual median: £27,386
UK annual median: £27,648; North East annual median: £27,269

Jobs and labour market

Health and social care associate professionals: UK growth: +15.6% from 2017 to 2027, creating 82,924 jobs

North East growth: +16.9% from 2017 to 2027, creating 3,793 jobs

Routes into the industry

You'll need good communication and listening skills, the ability to gain trust and respect from pupils, students and parents, a confident and positive outlook, a flexible and creative approach to solving problems, the ability to interact with people and work as part of a team and good planning and organisational skills,

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