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1: Written Report

1.1 Introduction

This report is going to discuss my chosen role which is a teaching assistant. I have chosen this role because it is something I have a passion for I really want to work with children and alongside see them grow and develop through each stage of their journey. The role of a teaching assistant is important in health and social care because it includes them supporting each child and ensuring they meet their needs and working with parents this is a healthy relationship which then can lead to brilliant attendance, better engagement in the classroom and stronger academic outcomes. "Teaching assistants will likely have one or more elements to their daily role such as being a class-based TA in the morning and an intervention or class cover TA in the afternoon" [Harris 20th August 2024]. This report will include information all about a teaching assistant.

1.2 Description of, and background to, [Your Role] in Healthcare

The role of a teaching assistant is important in health and social care as they are in charge of helping kids, and ensuring that they benefit as much as possible from making mistakes to learning each time. "Teaching assistants follow a simple routine during lessons to keep everything running smoothly" (Open Learning Academy ND). Teaching assistants also work individually with students and small groups, helping the teacher when giving instructions and planning events. The duties of a teaching assistant include Working with lead teacher to monitor the class schedules, Assisting teachers with lesson preparation by getting materials ready and setting up equipment, Revising lesson material with students individually or in small groups, Ensuring the classroom environment is safe and clean, Collaborating with

lead teachers to recognize issues students are experiencing and recommend solutions, Attending all training classes, parent conferences and faculty meetings, Documenting student progress and communicating with parents to keep them informed. The most important duty of a teaching assistant is documenting student progress and communicating with parents to keep them informed as this ensures that needs can be met and the child feels secure in the classroom environment and so that it provides valuable insights into their strengths, areas for improvement, and overall growth. A brief overview of the skills needed to perform the role of a teaching assistant is genuine love of working with children, good communication skills, ability to build good relationships, managing children's behaviour, a calm approach to any situation.

1.3 Evaluation of the skills needed for [Your role] in Healthcare

The three most important skills a teaching assistant needs are good communication skills, a calm approach to any situation and managing children's behaviour. "Being able to adjust to new challenges, pupils, and activities is essential" [Flourish Education 2025]. The skills help teaching assistants communicate effectively and remain calm and monitor behaviour well in order to promote a supportive environment by establishing clear expectations, fostering trust, decreasing tensions and empowering all students to feel safe and involved in their education. "Teaching Assistants must pay close attention to pupils' needs, pick up on non-verbal cues, and respond with empathy and patience" (Thompson 4th September 2025). Children who receive consistent behaviour management are less confused and anxious because they understand boundaries. If someone does not have these skills necessary it can cause misunderstandings and mistakes which makes it hard to work with other staff members and children and parents. A calm approach is essential for solving problems and handling stress, without these this can have a massive impact as it would lead to poor communications and then with children it can lead to poor academic performance and lack of trust.

1.4 Strategies to improve the skills for [Your Role]

The three most crucial abilities a teaching assistant needs are effective communication, maintaining composure in any circumstance, and controlling children's behavior. By setting clear standards, building trust, reducing tensions, and enabling every student to feel safe and participated in their education, these abilities enable teaching assistants in communicating effectively, maintaining composure, and properly monitoring behavior in order to provide a supportive atmosphere. "Reinforcing expectations with praise and clear instructions creates a supportive learning environment, especially for supporting children with special educational needs (SEN)" [Impact Teachers 2025]. Furthermore they understand boundaries, children who receive consistent behavior management have less confusion and anxiety. Teaching Assistants can improve their communication skills over time by continuing to practice, learn new tactics and manage childrens behaviour in a calm manner. These practices help them develop deeper relationships in a variety of scenarios.

1.4 Conclusion

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To sum everything up a teaching assistants role is very important in health and social care because they are the first point of contact and they in charge of helping the children. They do 1-1 sessions aswell to ensure every child is on track and to see how they are progressing. If the children have a good relationship with the teachers this allows them to build good trust & communication which leads to better academic results.

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