Teaching numeracy to adults

Are you qualified to teach adults numeracy?

Whether you are working on a Train to Gain contract, in family learning, in the community, in work based learning, in secure provision or in a college, if your work is funded by the LSC then:

- if you started teaching adults numeracy after 2001 you need to gain a subject specialist qualification in addition to a teaching qualification
- if you started teaching before 2001 and have not undertaken any subject specialism training then you would benefit greatly from the new ideas and continuing professional development that a numeracy specialist qualification can provide.

The subject specialist qualification is now called the Additional Diploma in Teaching Mathematics (Numeracy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector. This is a Level 5/6 qualification.

You can work towards this qualification at the same time as working towards the Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector or following undertaking a teaching qualification.
What do you need before you can start a numeracy subject specialist course?

You must have Level 2 literacy skills and Level 3 numeracy skills

What is meant by Level 3 numeracy skills?

If you don't have a degree in Maths then you need to show that you can apply your numeracy knowledge and skills at Level 3.

Numeracy skills such as:

- performing calculations relating to fractions, decimals and percentages
- performing calculations with very small and very large numbers
- rearranging and using algebraic expressions, formulae and equations
- finding equations of a straight line graph
- interpreting and presenting data
- solving problems relating to right-angled triangles (using Pythagoras’ theorem and trigonometry)

How to develop your personal numeracy skills?

If you know your numeracy skills are a bit rusty but you teach numeracy then these are some of the ways of brushing up your skills:
Self-evaluation

The Mathematics Content Knowledge for Adult Learning can be checked out using the self-evaluation tool on the National Centre for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics (NCETM) website www.ncetm.org.uk. It’s free.

Move On with Your Learners

See if your organisation can put on a Move On with Your Learners blended learning Level 2 course using the materials on the Move On website or use the materials yourself. www.move-on.org.uk

Step Up to Level 3 Personal Numeracy Skills

Already at Level 2 in your numeracy?

Then join one of the regional blended learning courses to brush up your numeracy from Level 2 to Level 3 and pick up a few new skills on the way.

These courses will prepare you for the initial assessment process at each of the providers of the Additional Diploma in the North East.

For further information look at the North East Training and Development section of www.skillsforlifenetwork.com
Want to know more?

For general information about teaching adults numeracy

Contact The Lifelong Learning UK (LLUUK) Information and Advice Service:
Tel: 020 7936 5798
Email: advice@lluk.org
Website: www.lluk.org.uk

For information about courses running in the North East

Check out the North East Training and Development section of www.skillsforlifenetwork.com

How much does it cost?

A maintenance grant is available which nearly covers the fees. Further funding may be available. By following an integrated route you can complete your subject specialism along with your teaching qualification. This route is fully funded. LLUK's Information and Advice Service can give you further details.

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