



SSAT Lead Practitioner Accreditation

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SSAT Lead Practitioner Accreditation rewards great educators, inspiring them to make a difference where it really counts – in the classroom

Celebrating your best practitioners on an individual level, SSAT Lead Practitioner Accreditation improves professional skills and expertise, helping embed and extend teaching and learning in your school that impacts positively on learners. Once accredited, LPs continue their journey as leaders of learning, inspiring others to embrace LP standards and creating communities of learners across the system.

The greatest value of LP is as a rigorous process for improving teaching and learning across your whole school, network, MAT or Teaching School Alliance. By providing consistent professional development disciplines rooted in action research and evidence-based teaching and learning, LP empowers professionals to improve together, in all settings and phases. Effectively, LPs can turn whole-school priorities into tangible classroom impact.

How it works

The programme is made up of a framework of professional standards and a process of accreditation that has been designed by the profession, for the profession. It recognises the skills, experience and qualities of school staff at every level.

SSAT Lead Practitioners start by identifying action research projects linked to school or local priorities. The online assessment tool is then used to assess progress against the ten SSAT Lead Practitioner standards. Successful LPs will be able to evidence extending their sphere of influence beyond their immediate team.

The process of working towards SSAT Lead Practitioner Accreditation is just as important as the outcome. The process of self-assessment is supported by guidance and moderation from SSAT experts, enabling practitioners to reflect on the impact of their practice and expand on how it can be shared and developed with colleagues.

Moderation is carried out twice a year by expert SSAT moderators. Aspiring LPs can submit their online application and portfolio at the most appropriate time, when they are ready.

Why implement SSAT Lead Practitioner Accreditation in your school?

Accredited status is awarded to individuals, but is most powerful when adopted on a whole-school basis or across a cluster of schools with an LP cohort being supported to:

- ▶ Recruit, retain and develop future leaders of learning
- ▶ Evaluate each individual's impact, identifying their strengths and areas to develop
- ▶ Introduce a framework of standards with impact at its core
- ▶ Build a culture of effective, evidence-informed teaching and learning
- ▶ Structure a school-wide or trust-wide professional development plan

The SSAT Lead Practitioner standards



“We embarked on the LP programme because we wanted to recognise the excellent practice that was happening in our classrooms and we wanted to do that using a framework that allowed our staff to gain natural recognition. When staff join the LP programme, they go on their own journey and push the boundaries.”

Leigh Academies Trust

“The Lead Practitioners have not only developed their own practice, but helped shape teaching & learning throughout the academy. The accreditation is a challenge, but is also an opportunity for staff to take ownership of the main threads of the school and shape its progress.”

Castleford Academy

Taking accreditation to the next level

SSAT Lead Practitioner Accreditation lasts for three years and is a nationally recognised qualification that opens up a number of compelling opportunities. LPs can widen their impact by working with SSAT's national and international networks or by taking up exclusive opportunities to collaborate with leading academics and practitioners through our subject and pedagogy research groups.

Accreditation also offers 30 credits towards a master's degree in education at Nottingham University, available as a face-to-face or online course.

SSAT Lead Practitioner support packages

An online cohort support pack is available at no extra cost for all schools setting up a SSAT Lead Practitioner accreditation programme. For more detailed assistance, SSAT also offers two enlightening and inspiring training sessions:

Launching the programme helps to raise the profile of SSAT Lead Practitioner Accreditation in your school, introduces the detail of the programme, identifies ways of tying

SSAT Lead Practitioner in with school development priorities and suggests ideas for action research.

Application support takes LPs through their self-assessment review and examines the evidence of impact to date. The session includes elements of coaching to develop the next steps in leading learning.

Become an SSAT Lead Practitioner Learning Centre (LPLC)

LPLCs are hubs of accredited LP expertise, committed to extending the SSAT Lead Practitioner principles and processes to their own networks. They help other schools apply and manage the accreditation process, offering support packages and building wider communities of LPs.

Becoming an LPLC gives you the chance to work with other schools in your cluster, support local projects, develop your school's own SSAT Lead Practitioners and generate revenue for your school by charging for the training delivered on behalf of SSAT.

- ACCREDITATION
- PRACTITIONERS
- FRANCHISE
- TEACHING AND LEARNING

“The main outcome of the LP cohort for the alliance was to establish a professional network that would work collaboratively across the city, which although still in its infancy, will be really beneficial not only to individual schools but to the city of Coventry.”

Blue Sky Teaching School Alliance

“Following a year in which several of our own colleagues have gained accreditation as Lead Practitioners, Shenley Academy became an SSAT Lead Practitioner Learning Centre; a centre of excellence for the training and support of aspiring Lead Practitioners. This nationally recognised accreditation from SSAT recognises the work of those who not only demonstrate outstanding expertise in their field, but also lead colleagues to improve their practice, leading to positive impact on pupil learning.”

Shenley Academy

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