

Job Description

Group Member:		Leeds City College	
Job Title:		Learning Support Assistant - PMLD / SEND	
Reports to:		SEND Team Lead	
Job Grade	RLW	Department	Foundation Studies

ROLE SUMMARY:

This role requires an experienced SEND professional to lead through a matrix management approach across Luminate FE colleges for the placement and support of students with Educational Health Care Plans. Additionally, you will be an operational main point of contact with local authorities, make a contribution towards positive outcomes for disadvantaged and vulnerable students.

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To be involved in planning and preparation and assessment of learning as part of the course team.
2. Providing in-class support to meet identified needs of students who have high needs.
3. Providing curriculum teachers/assessors and Learning Support team members with verbal and written reports on students who have high needs or SEN.
4. Assisting with emergency evacuation plans and practices and helping with all emergency evacuations.
5. Attending team meetings and staff development sessions as required.
6. Keeping accurate and timely records, recording progress and strategies used, as required.
7. Any other duties as determined by the line manager
8. May be involved in learners' transport arrangements and helping students who have high needs to develop independent travel skills where needed.
9. At the direction of the teacher/assessor, accompanying small groups of learners on local excursions.
10. Assist with personal care requirements if necessary.
11. Support students in off-site activities including the use of wheelchairs.

DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Support the department to provide outstanding and robust support to SEND learners in order to meet individual needs as outlined in their EHCP.

2. Lead on intervention strategies aligned to area of specialism in order to strengthen the subject knowledge of staff
3. To attend meetings as and when required
4. Contribute towards audit and compliance of evidence required for all aspects of SEND support
5. Engage in CPD and training in order to develop pedagogical knowledge within your own specialist area.

GENERAL LUMINATE EDUCATION GROUP RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ALL STAFF:

- Maintain and update knowledge of the subject/professional area and co-operate in any staff development activities required to effectively carry out the duties of the post.
- Comply with safeguarding procedures, including the promotion of the welfare of children and vulnerable adults.
- Comply with all relevant policies and procedures.
- Act with honesty and integrity to maintain high standards of ethics and professional standards.
- Use and promote restorative practice approaches.
- Comply with all legislative and regulatory requirements.
- Promote a positive image of the Luminate Education Group and member organisations.
- Any other duties commensurate with the level of the post, which may be required from time to time.
- Embody the Group's Values:

Kindness

Creating communities where people can be authentic and true to themselves with support, trust and guidance from those around them

Ownership

Using our robust business planning model to allow areas to have clear ownership over their vision and performance

Enjoyment

Fostering environments that enable staff and students to be brave, interact and have fun

Collaborative

Proactively seeking opportunities to create synergies and positive outcomes for all

Passion

Encouraging all to have aspiration and passion in everything they do.

Creative

Always hungry to learn and looking ahead so we can be responsive

Person Specification

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The specific qualifications, experience, skills and values that are required for the role are outlined below. You should demonstrate your ability to meet these requirements by providing clear and concise examples on the application form. Each criteria is marked with whether it an essential or desirable requirement and at which point in the recruitment process it will be assessed.

Methods of Assessment:

A = Application Form, I = Interview, T = Test or Assessment, P = Presentation,
C= Certificate, MT = Micro Teach

Qualifications and Attainments		
Essential (E) Desirable (D)	Criteria	Method of assessment
E	Q1. English and Mathematics at Level 2 or above and a willingness to improve in one or both disciplines to level 3 or above.	A / C
E	Q2. Minimum L3 Award for Learning Support Practitioners Qualification or appropriate level 3 qualification or willingness to enrol to this within one year of appointment.	A / C
D	Q3. Relevant recognised professional attainments.	A / C

Experience and Knowledge		
Essential (E) Desirable (D)	Criteria	Method of assessment
E	EK1. Experience of working in a team in an educational setting	A / I / P
E	EK2. Experience of working with students who have high needs or SEN to support their learning through identifying strategies and preparing young people for adulthood.	A / I

E	EK3. Relevant experience, knowledge and understanding of working in the Sector - Personal care, supporting students who use wheelchairs.	A / I / P
E	EK4. Substantial learning support experience	A / I
E	EK5. Proven experience in working with external partners and/or stakeholders.	A / I
E	EK6. Experience of working positively with young people and adults.	A / I
E	EK7. Experience of successful administration / IT skills.	A / I
E	EK8. Leading on strategies for support areas and delivering training when required.	A / I

Skills and Competencies		
Essential (E) Desirable (D)	Criteria	Method of assessment
E	SC1. Clear oral and written communication skills with the ability to communicate with staff at all levels in the college.	A / I
E	SC2. Computer literate	A / I / C
E	SC3. Strong Awareness of disability issues and equality and diversity issues.	A / I
D	SC4. Understanding of the Disability Discrimination Act is desirable.	A / I
E	SC5. Able to assist with personal care provision including requirements of wheelchair users.	A / I
E	SC6. Able to work effectively as a member of a team.	A / I
E	SC7. Ability to adapt and embrace change.	A / I
E	SC8. Able to establish rapport and to maintain professional boundaries.	A / I

Behavioural, Values and Ethos

Essential (E) Desirable (D)	Criteria	Method of assessment
E	B1. Commitment to the College's support and promotion of Equality and Diversity.	A / I
E	B2. Committed to child protection and the promotion of a safe environment for children and young people to learn in.	A / I
E	B3. A willingness to be adaptable as a role requires working across the college campuses and off-site visits with learners.	A / I
E	B4. An understanding and commitment to the PREVENT agenda	A / I
E	B1. Commitment to the College's support and promotion of Equality and Diversity.	A / I