

Diploma in Specialist Teaching (DIST) Overview Table

There are four elements in the Diploma of Specialist Teaching. These are set out in the table below. Further details are available in the *Level 5 Diploma in Specialist Teaching for Literacy-Related Difficulties (DIST) Syllabus Brochure*, which is available on the DIST1 and DIST2 sites.

DIST1	DIST2 - Learner Paperwork	DIST2	DIST3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This opening unit of the programme gives you the background theory and foundational knowledge for specialist teaching. This unit is not as intense as units DIST2 and DIST3. Once you have had your results for DIST1 returned you may be sent a link to <i>The Diploma of Specialist Teaching (DIST) Administration Site</i> just ahead of DIST2 opening. This gives you the opportunity to start getting your learner paperwork organised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consent paperwork needs to be completed and approved in the earlier weeks of unit DIST2. This is a safeguarding process to ensure informed consent is in place. Here is a link to the site that can be used once you have been given access to the area: The Diploma of Specialist Teaching (DIST) Administration Site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All main documents are in the <i>Key Documentation</i> folder on this site. Please read the unit handbook and download the teaching calendar at the start of your studies of this unit. Please review the amount of time you have available for the course. The time is approximately 13 notional hours per week for both DIST2 and DIST3. The unit is an introduction to Dyslexia Action Literacy Programme (DALP) – the programme you will use to conduct your teaching practicum. The unit contains study tasks designed for you to get to know DALP. In this unit you conduct placement with your learner. In this unit you carry out Lessons 1 – 3 of the ten structured DALP-learning point lessons. Lesson 3 is recorded and uploaded for tutor review. There are other compulsory tasks that are tutor reviewed. You are assigned a personal DALP tutor once you have handed in your placement findings. There are two subsidiary sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Diploma of Specialist Teaching (DIST) Administration Site – you may be able to link to this site before you register for DIST2. Once you have had your results returned you may be sent a link ahead of DIST2 opening. The DIST2/3 DALP Specialist Teaching Activities Site (STAS) – you must have registered for DIST2 to access this site. It is only available on or after the course start date. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a virtually content-free site. Its purpose is to provide and upload site for the final structured DALP-learning point lessons. Lessons 4 – 8 are carried out here if you are following the 8-session calendar. Lessons 4 – 10 are carried out here if you are following the 10-session calendar. You continue under the guidance of your personal DALP tutor during this unit. There are required additional tasks to be complete in the Extending Specialist Skills Portfolio. Four of these tasks require that you work with your learner: higher order reading, higher order writing, activity design (these can be done at any time during the practicum and in a week when a DALP lesson is taught) and the dynamic appraisal (this can only be completed at the end of the practicum). These tasks are made available at the end of DIST2 and you may wish to begin them after the formative observation (Lesson 3).