Pupil and School Support



NPQ SENCO

This NPQ will be the mandatory qualification for SENCOs from September 2024.

This course will begin in autumn 2024. The 3-year window to complete the mandatory qualification on taking up a SENCO post will remain following the introduction of the NPQ for SENCOs.

Who is it for?

- Special educational needs co-ordinators
- Teachers interested in developing expertise in special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) or undertaking a SENCO role in future
- School leaders

The programme is delivered in partnership with University College London (UCL), through a blend of online self-study, face to face events and peer coaching sessions.

What will the course cover?

Designed in collaboration with leading experts and system leaders and informed by the latest evidence, the NPQ for SENCOs curriculum covers areas including:

- Establishing an inclusive school culture in which all pupils can flourish.
- Developing an expert knowledge of the statutory framework and identification of need.
- The strategic leadership and management of provision.
- Enhancing curriculum implementation, teaching and inclusive pedagogy.
- Supporting the professional development of colleagues through clear theories of change.

To gain NPQ accreditation, you will need to complete the course and pass a written assessment (between 1,500 and 2,500 words).

Course Length: 18 months, beginning in Autumn 2024

Cost: Birmingham City Council have 70 fully funded places

To apply, please go to DfE NPQ Registration Service and choose UCL as your provider

If you have any specific questions please email NPQSENCO@birmingham.gov.uk