Teaching numeracy to adults can be a rewarding career with opportunities to teach, part-time or full-time, in the workplace, in colleges, in the community, in prisons or with families.

In the North East we must raise levels of numeracy to meet the demands of the modern workplace and to help adults meet the demands of modern everyday life.

There are new ideas and resources for teaching numeracy to help engage adults who were switched off or struggled with maths at school. New teachers are needed to enthuse and support adults to develop their skills.

Many of the new opportunities for teaching numeracy are funded through Train to Gain. Teaching often takes place in the workplace, with small groups, linking numeracy skills to vocational qualifications.

What do we mean by numeracy?

Numeracy is the maths skills for everyday life.
What do you need to teach adults numeracy?

To teach adults numeracy you need:

- a desire to switch people on to numeracy
- Level 2 literacy skills
- Level 3 numeracy skills
- a teaching qualification
- a subject specialist qualification in teaching numeracy

You can work towards a teaching qualification and the subject specialism at the same time either:

- full-time before you start working or
- part-time whilst starting to teach

There are many routes into teaching so have a word with one of the providers of numeracy teaching qualifications to find out more.
How to develop your personal numeracy skills?

If you know your numeracy skills are a bit rusty but you want to 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

Materials are available on the Move On website to help you brush up your skills to Level 2. 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 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 (LLUK) Information and Advice Service:
Tel: 020 7936 5798
Email: advice@lluk.org
Website: www.lluk.org.uk

For information about courses related to teaching numeracy running in the North East

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

How much does it cost?

Bursaries may be available if you undertake your teaching qualification at the same time as your subject specialism. 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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