



# Becoming a Swimming Teacher

## SHIRLEY SWIMMING POOL

*Teaching swimming since 1969*

1. The most important part about becoming a swimming teacher is *wanting* to become a swimming teacher. If you do, it is because you love the water and you enjoy working with children. If you don't, maybe find something else to do.
2. The next step is to find a friendly teaching centre that specialises in learn to swim. Job done, Shirley Pool is a dedicated two pool teaching centre where all the focus is on providing a warm, safe environment that is conducive to high quality swimming tuition.
3. Now, find an entry level qualification. (Level 1). There are two key organisations that provide Teacher qualifications, the **ASA** (Amateur Swimming Association) and the **STA** (Swimming Teacher Association [www.sta.co.uk](http://www.sta.co.uk)). If you wish to pursue a *coaching* career, you will need to take the ASA route. For purely teaching, the STA provide easily accessible, affordable, local courses throughout the year.
4. Once you have passed, contact your local pool again ( see step 2) and ask for work. At Shirley we use assistants daily, (£7.50 an hour rising to £12.00)
5. Start looking for the next level (2) course. If you are employed at Shirley we pay half the course cost. With 15 hours assisting experience under your belt you can now start the Level Two course.
6. By now you may well have your own classes, under the wing of a mentoring teacher.

Building a relationship with your pupils, understanding and refining your varied communication skills, learning how to motivate progress, this is just the start of a vastly rewarding career.

You won't be rich, but you are well rewarded for the time that you teach (£15.75 – £16.25 an hour for Level 2) and it's better than working for a living.

There are many areas that you can diversify into to keep you challenged and increase earnings: Parent & child, Coaching, Aquafit, private lessons, adult teaching & coaching, tutoring, reception and lifeguard.

The qualification can be used to start a career, as a stop gap or just a way to earn extra money while studying and it lasts a lifetime. So if you think it takes your fancy, take the first step.

[Swimming Teachers Association \(STA\)](#)

[Amateur Swimming Association \(ASA\)](#)

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[Oaklands Pool, Lordshill](#).