

We are seeking people with aphasia for a research study.

Study Title: Perspectives on Friendship and Social Participation Following Aphasia

This study is under the auspices of Misericordia University.

WHAT: To explore how adults with aphasia perceive changes in the maintenance, loss, and development of friendships following aphasia onset.

TIME COMMITMENT:

- **1 Assessment** (30 minutes).
- **3 Interviews** (approximately 60 minutes each).

Total Participant Time Commitment: 3.5 hours.

INCLUSION CRITERIA:

- Age 18 years or older,
- Diagnosis of aphasia due to stroke or other acquired brain injury,
- At least 6 months post-onset of aphasia,
- Ability to communicate in American English to participate in study activities,
- Ability to participate in three interviews lasting approximately 60 minutes each.

WHERE: Online assessment and interviews using Microsoft Teams.

RISKS AND BENEFITS:

- This research poses no greater than minimal risk to participants. Potential risks include emotional distress or frustration during discussions about the personal impact of aphasia.
- A trained SLP student will facilitate the sessions, monitor for signs of discomfort, and provide appropriate aphasia communication supports as needed.
- Caregivers may be present during both assessment and interviews. No data will be collected on caregiver responses.
- Participants will receive a gift card after completion of the assessment and interviews.

TO PARTICIPATE, CONTACT:

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