

## Calling all Speech Pathologists.....

Would you like to contribute to a national aphasia therapy trial?

Opportunities currently exist to be an assessor or therapist in  
the COMPARE trial

An NHMRC funded national randomised controlled trial comparing Constraint  
Induced and Multi-Modal Aphasia Therapies for post-stroke aphasia

**COMPARE** is a high quality national research trial aiming to provide much needed  
evidence to assist therapists in their selection of constraint or multi-modal  
treatments for particular clients at either high or low intensity.

**COMPARE** will recruit up to **200 participants** with chronic aphasia over the **next 3  
years** (2016-2018) in Melbourne, Gold Coast, Sydney, Perth, Hobart, and Brisbane.

We are seeking **expressions of interest** from **qualified speech pathologists** for  
casual employment as:

### **1. Blinded Assessors**

**Blinded Assessors** are required to consent, screen and assess trial participants.  
Assessments will take place in participants' homes or an approved location and can  
be scheduled at times mutually convenient to the participant and the assessor  
(within protocol limitations). Assessment sessions are approximately 2.5 hours long.  
Blinded assessors will receive thorough paid training in all assessment procedures  
and support from trial staff.

This is a role with **flexible hours** and would **suit new graduates** as well as  
**experienced speech pathologists**. A car and driver's license are essential.

### **2. Intervention Therapists**

**Intervention Therapists** are required to provide the COMPARE treatment at  
designated trial sites. The treatment has two schedules per block:

1. Main study: Monday to Friday for 2 weeks; hours 9am-2.30pm each day
2. Sub-study: Monday, Wednesday, Friday for 5 weeks; hours 9am-1pm each day

The therapist time includes room set up, data recording and upload. Trial therapists  
will receive thorough paid training in all treatment and trial procedures and support  
from trial staff.

This is a role that would suit **experienced speech pathologists**. A car and driver's license are essential.

Given the block nature of the therapy, it will suit many speech pathologists balancing multiple life roles. Therapists can be involved in the main study schedule, the sub-study schedule or a combination of both.

### **Additional Information**

You can register your interest in the trial by completing the 'Expression of Interest' form below and returning it along with a copy of your full CV to [COMPAREaphasia@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:COMPAREaphasia@latrobe.edu.au)

Any enquiries or for further information please contact the COMPARE Clinical Trial Managers, Melanie Hurley or Abby Foster on (03) 9479 2776 or [COMPAREaphasia@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:COMPAREaphasia@latrobe.edu.au)

Additional information can also be found on the trial website:

[www.latrobe.edu.au/compare](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/compare)

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR COMPARE ASSESSOR OR THERAPIST ROLE**

**Name:**  **Address:**

**Phone:**  **Email:**

**Speech Pathology Qualifications:** (what degree, where obtained, when)

**Brief Speech Pathology Employment History** (include main employers, dates, describe any direct aphasia therapy work):

**Preference for trial role** (tick all that apply)

Blinded Assessor

Intervention Therapist  
(Main Study)

Intervention Therapist  
(Sub-Study)

**Availability for work in the trial:** (List Dates available)