

**Communicative Access and Aphasia**  
*Community of Practice*



Supported Conversation for Adults with Aphasia (SCA™)  
OnLine Education Program

We are very pleased to announce that our Community of Practice, funded through the Seniors Health Research Transfer Network (SHRTN) is able to provide new training opportunities this year, at no charge to members.

The following dates are now available for pre-registration. Each educational program consists of **two online sessions**, as well as **one independent learning module**. The time commitment to complete this education program is approximately three hours. Participants will receive a certificate of completion. Maximum registration for these dates will be approximately 20 participants, so please register early to ensure a spot.

Dates:

October: 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> , 12:30 to 1:30 pm

November: 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> : 12:30 and 1:30 pm

December: 3<sup>rd</sup> , 12:30 to 1:30 pm and 17<sup>th</sup> , 12:00 to 1:00

Please register by following this link and indicating your date preferences:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=qgWZxHv7ObCTaLDnB9CJyw\\_3d\\_3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=qgWZxHv7ObCTaLDnB9CJyw_3d_3d)

If you have questions regarding the registration process, please contact Terry Kirkpatrick, knowledge broker, [tekirkp@sympatico.ca](mailto:tekirkp@sympatico.ca)

If you have questions about the course content, please contact Elyse Shumway, CoP Lead, [eshumway@aphasia.ca](mailto:eshumway@aphasia.ca)

**Please also note:** any organization who has 6 or more staff who would like to receive this educational opportunity, we will arrange a customized session to be delivered for your staff alone, at a time that is convenient.

Course Description:

This is a basic introduction to the SCA™ method, delivered in three one-hour sessions. Participants will learn the basic theory and essential concepts and will view video demonstrations of selected communication techniques. This program is open to any caregiver

in the healthcare system. Participants are encouraged to take part in this education program *in pairs*, so that they can benefit from several discussions and role play opportunities.

**Part One:** An online meeting designed to introduce the participants to one another, ensure that everyone is familiar with the internet meeting software, and discuss basic information regarding aphasia.

**Part Two:** A self-directed learning module that is available through the Aphasia Institute website. Participants will view slides and video demonstrations, and engage in discussions and role plays. Participants will receive the web link following the Part One session. -THIS SESSION IS COMPLETED INDEPENDENTLY, BETWEEN THE ONLINE SCHEDULED SESSIONS

**Part Three:** A second online meeting in which the participants will discuss the SCA(tm) method, have opportunities to ask questions about specific individuals with whom they have tried the techniques, and learn how this Community of Practice can help them to improve their ability to communicate with those 'who know more than they can say'.

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