

## **ABSTRACT**

Diploma thesis deals with communication between persons with aphasia and healthcare professionals. The thesis consists of four chapters, three of which are theoretical. Research is included in the fourth chapter. Aphasia is defined and classified in the first theoretical chapter. The second chapter deals with a multidisciplinary team involving in the rehabilitation of persons with aphasia and with the individual role of healthcare professionals from the team. It also deals with diagnostics and the therapy of aphasia in acute, subacute and chronic stadium. Communication with persons with aphasia and its specifics are described in the third chapter. The main objective of diploma thesis was to find out how communication between persons with aphasia and healthcare professionals in healthcare facilities takes place according to experience of persons with aphasia and healthcare professionals as well. Partial objectives were concentrated on communication types, the techniques and aids for facilitating communication and also on factors affecting and facilitating or complicating communication. Qualitative research strategy was chosen because of the involvement of persons with aphasia in a research. Semi-structured interview was used for data collection, 10 dialogues were performed. Research sample comprised 5 persons with aphasia and 5 healthcare professionals. Thematic analysis was used for data processing. The research brings insight into practice, how communication in healthcare facilities take place.

## **KEYWORDS**

aphasia, stroke, communication, rehabilitation, healthcare professional, healthcare facility