

## **ABSTRACT**

The topic of this diploma thesis is speech therapy and intervention of people after stroke with a diagnosis of aphasia. The thesis consists of four chapters. The theoretical framework is presented in three chapters, the fourth one is an empirical part of thesis. The first theoretical chapter deals with the concept of communication and defines the basic terminology, it also describes the area of the central and peripheral nervous system and its influence on the human's communication ability. The second chapter approaches the issue of ictus focusing especially on etiology and symptomatology of the disease, diagnostics, therapy and prevention. The third theoretical chapter describes aphasia – a kind of communication disorder arising from a stroke. It focuses on the definition, etiology and symptomatology of aphasia, the process of diagnosis and therapy. In conclusion, this chapter also describes the possibilities of providing speech therapy and intervention in the Czech Republic. The fourth chapter of diploma thesis describes a qualitative research that was conducted within two-weeks complex rehabilitation stays for people after stroke. The main objective of the research was to analyze speech therapy and intervention in adult clients after stroke with a diagnosis of aphasia in the chronic phase. Then the partial goals of the research and research questions were determined. Case studies of six adult clients were completed and complemented by other research techniques. In conclusion, the results of the research were summarized and recommendations for speech therapy were presented.