Health Studies - Research on Caregiving and Dementia

Research assistant - Communication and Dementia

Important Dates

Job Start Date	Monday, September 22, 2025
Job End Date	Friday, April 24, 2026
Posted on	Thursday, August 28, 2025
Application Deadline	Monday, September 15, 2025

Job Details

Job Category	Research & Development
Job Type	Work Study
Location	London, Ontario, Canada

Job Description

Dr. Savundranayagam is looking for an enrolled **undergraduate student** to assist with communication, caregiving, and dementia. The research assistant will be involved in ongoing studies, including a person-centered communication intervention for personal support workers who support individuals living with dementia. Ideally, this position will continue to the next semester provided that the student is a good fit for the research team.

The research assistant will participate in all aspects of the research process including:

Obtaining, reviewing, and integrating relevant scholarly literature
Transcribing and coding conversations
Assessing the reliability of coded conversations
Data preparation (i.e. recoding variables, checking for inconsistencies across variables)
Data analysis
Preparation of data tables
Any other activities relevant to this research.
Skills and background desired:

Interest in communication breakdown, dementia, language strategies, caregiving, and person-centered care in the long-term care context
Superior organizational skills;
Solid writing skills;
Proficient with Office Software (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
Experience with transcription is preferred, but not required
Experience with SPSS is preferred, but not required
Applied statistics background is preferred, but not required.