

PARTICIPANT CRITERIA

Research Participants Needed for Autism Camouflage Study



- Have a formal diagnosis of autism, autism spectrum disorder (ASD), autistic disorder, or Asperger's syndrome by a licensed professional or team
- Female or nonbinary/gender-diverse
- 18-65 years old
- Citizen of Canada or the USA
- Able to report on personal experiences & age of autism diagnosis, in English
- Have stable housing
- **Not** have an intellectual disability
- **Not** have a significant physical or untreated mental health condition that interferes with ability to report (e.g. dementia, TBI, neurological conditions that limit ability to use electronic devices, or a psychotic disorder)
- **Not** have a clinical relationship with the researcher (i.e. current or former client/patient)

ABOUT THE RESEARCH

This study is about camouflage in female & nonbinary/gender-diverse autistic individuals, who often experience delays in autism diagnosis, and factors influencing camouflage. This study will examine the relationship between camouflage, current age, age of autism diagnosis (AoD), gender identity, and positive childhood experiences (PCE's). PCE's refer to support from family and community before 18yo.

I am seeking participants to complete an online survey which should take 10-15 minutes. The study will involve completing 2 brief tools related to camouflage (CATQ-SF) and PCE's (PCE questionnaire) and providing minimal demographic info (age, AoD, & gender). Data will be anonymous and confidential. No clinical services will be provided. No part of this data will be included in any national autism registry. This study is part of my doctoral education program at Capella University. You may consult with family before participating about your age of autism diagnosis if necessary.

If you have questions about this study, please reach out to <hbuzbee@capellauniversity.edu>.

Link to screening questions, consent, & study:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GMQL93D?part_id=\[part_id_value\]](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GMQL93D?part_id=[part_id_value])