



RIT | National Technical
Institute for the Deaf

An Outstanding Investment

for parents and families of deaf and hard-of-hearing students

RIT is a vibrant learning environment

with outstanding academic, social, and personal development opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing students that are unmatched by any other university in the world.

Excellence acknowledged

Our reputation as one of the world's top universities has been acknowledged by many leading college guides, industry, and internationally respected publications. As your family searches for the right university, consider what others have to say about RIT.

#91

#91 National Universities
Ranked among the **top 100 of national universities** 2025

#41

#41 Best Value
Cited for **best value** among national research universities 2025

#6

#6 Top School for Co-op or Internship Programs in **hands-on career preparation** 2025

Learn more about RIT rankings and recognition at rit.edu/rankings-and-recognition



Why RIT is a Good Fit for Your Family

rit.edu/ntid/why-rit-ntid

A unique college. A superior education.

1st

RIT is home to the **National Technical Institute for the Deaf**, the first and largest technological college for deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

95%

Placement rate within one year of graduation for deaf and hard-of-hearing students seeking employment.

1.1k

RIT serves more than 1,100 deaf and hard-of-hearing students from around the world who live, study, and work alongside hearing peers on the RIT campus.

49

RIT/NTID deaf and hard-of-hearing students come from 49 states and 13 countries.

10k+

Deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT/NTID alumni working across the country and around the world.



Flexible Academic Pathways

RIT offers more than 200 academic programs across a range of disciplines, so your student can select a course of study that matches their interests and career goals. We offer creative learning approaches and practical experience to prepare students for the future they envision for themselves.

Bachelor's Degree Programs

Students can choose from more than 90 programs in art and design, business, computing and information sciences, engineering, health sciences and technology, liberal arts, and science.

Pre-Baccalaureate Programs

If your student is interested in a bachelor's degree program, but does not fully meet the admission requirements, they may qualify for a pre-baccalaureate program. These individualized programs prepare your student to enter a bachelor's degree program as soon as academically ready.

Associate+Bachelor's Degree Programs

Students can start on the road to academic success by completing an associate degree that provides a solid foundation and prepares them to continue and succeed in an RIT bachelor's degree program.

Career-Focused Associate Degree Programs

Our associate degree programs provide a fast track to students' success by preparing them for immediate employment in today's high-tech fields.

Undecided

RIT is one of the few universities where students can immerse themselves in a major from day one. But, if your student needs more time to evaluate their interests and explore which major best suits their career aspirations, exploration options are available in most colleges.

rit.edu/ntid/exploremajors



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Maameyaa has grown tremendously in her time at RIT. She has taken on leadership roles, been a mentor, and truly has grown in self-confidence. Maameyaa benefited the most by having a community of deaf and hard-of-hearing students that she could immerse herself in, and she found a home away from home. The resources and opportunities that foster an atmosphere for growth and success made sending Maameyaa to RIT a smart choice.”

**CHARLES OBENG
ASIAMAH AND
JACQUELINE DUAH**

Parents of RIT/NTID graduate
Maameyaa Asiamah

Extraordinary Support and Access Services

RIT provides access services and support to meet the needs of deaf and hard-of-hearing students enrolled in all colleges across the university.

Services also are provided for non-academic events and activities throughout the RIT community. With the largest staff of professional sign language interpreters and real-time captionists of any college program in the world, RIT is the world's most accessible university.

- › Sign language interpreting
- › Real-time captioning
- › Classroom notetaking services
- › Captioned classroom video material
- › FM/Roger systems

Alternative services also may be provided. Students have access to educational support services such as tutoring, personal and career counseling, and academic advising with professionals who are skilled at working with deaf and hard-of-hearing students of all communication modes.

rit.edu/ntid/exploreaccess

RIT is designated as a Microsoft accessible university.

RIT is one of only six universities in the nation that has been named a Microsoft Accessible University for its endeavor to improve upon and provide cutting-edge accessibility solutions.



In-house interpreters

130+



Real-time captionists

60+



Trained notetakers

500+



43,415
hours
outside
classroom

89,299
hours in
classroom

Interpreting hours

132k+



1,646
hours
outside
classroom

24,944
hours in
classroom

Captioning hours

26k+

Tiger Profiles

Finding their Fit

RIT is a place where your student will find many peers and role models who share similar life experiences and backgrounds. They'll find their fit in an inspiring environment where they'll thrive and succeed.

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As a deaf person, my journey at RIT has been empowering, allowing me to discover and pursue my passions, while inspiring others and making the Deaf community proud. RIT has been a perfect fit for me, offering a major that aligns with my goals and providing access to numerous opportunities like clubs, sports, and social events.”

—

DAVID PEREZ

Administrative Support Technology
Maspeth, New York

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Outstanding accessibility for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, a strong community, and excellent academics made RIT a great choice for me. The supportive environment has helped me succeed in my classes and build meaningful relationships. I have found a community and a culture where I am appreciated for what makes me unique.

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FLAVO MEDINA, JR.

Applied Computer Technology/
Computing and Information
Technologies
Arlington, Virginia



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I chose RIT to be immersed in both the Deaf and hearing worlds while pursuing my passions in education and theater. With instruction in both ASL and spoken English, RIT's vibrant and inclusive campus has allowed me to fully engage in my experiences.”

—

SERENA RUSH

Psychology/
Secondary Education of Students
who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
Silver Spring, Maryland

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RIT is a better choice for me than the other university I started at. Here, I have access to the best technical education, including research and co-op opportunities, while being supported by a higher standard of accessibility for the Deaf community that helps bridge any communication gaps. I feel comfortable in my ability to show up and authentically pursue the education I want.”

—

VALERIE HORN

Environmental Science/Science,
Technology and Public Policy
Akron, Ohio



A Worthwhile Investment

No one does cooperative education and career preparation services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students better than RIT.

Real-World Work Experience Before Graduation

RIT's cooperative education program provides students tremendous opportunities to gain valuable experience in their field before graduation. A co-op offers students a taste of the world of work and practical experience to include on their resume when applying for employment after graduation. Co-ops also help students finance a portion of their education, give them opportunities to make professional contacts in their field, and foster personal growth and independence.

rit.edu/ntid/explorecoop

Specialized Job Search Assistance

Your student's career success is supported by our employment specialists who travel coast to coast meeting with employers, building relationships, and educating the marketplace about the value of hiring deaf and hard-of-hearing students and graduates. RIT enjoys great success in working with employers to fully integrate deaf and hard-of-hearing employees in all aspects of work life and to model the benefits of a diverse workforce to others.

Every year, RIT holds a career fair on campus for deaf and hard-of-hearing students and brings representatives from local and national corporations, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations seeking to hire deaf and hard-of-hearing students for co-ops and permanent jobs. The career fair is in addition to two other RIT university-wide career fairs, giving your student many opportunities for networking and employment opportunities.

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Exceptional Value and Affordability

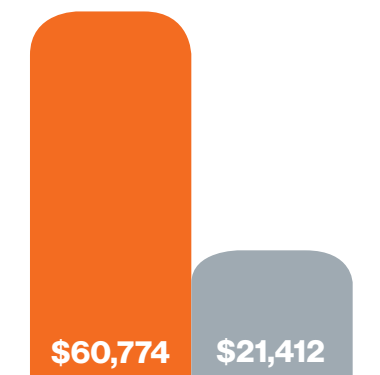
RIT is committed to ensuring that a quality education remains within the financial reach of deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Because RIT receives federal support, deaf and hard-of-hearing students pay less than one-half of RIT's regular tuition rate. The reduced cost makes RIT a truly exceptional value.

In addition to the substantial tuition reduction, a variety of financial aid options are available, including scholarships, grants, loans, state Vocational Rehabilitation support, and Supplemental Security Income assistance.

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2025-2026 Tuition Comparison



RIT tuition

RIT tuition for deaf and hard-of-hearing students enrolled in any undergraduate program (domestic students only)



Average financial aid per domestic deaf and hard-of-hearing student

\$22,991

93%

of undergraduate deaf and hard-of-hearing students receive financial aid

Graduates in Demand

A degree from RIT commands attention in the marketplace. Employers know that our graduates have high-caliber qualifications and work experience that prepares them to deliver results on the job.

RIT enjoys one of the highest rates of employment for its graduates of any comprehensive university in the country. This is apparent as on-campus recruiters from major industries snap up RIT students even before they graduate.

Selected national and international companies that have hired deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT students and graduates

- › BNY Mellon
- › Caterpillar, Inc.
- › Defense Finance and Accounting Service
- › Dow Chemical Company
- › General Electric
- › Google
- › Honda
- › IBM
- › Lockheed Martin
- › Merck
- › Microsoft
- › Monroe County Medical Examiner's Office
- › NASA
- › National Institutes of Health
- › Naval Supply Systems Command
- › Solar Turbines
- › Tesla Motors
- › Texas Instruments
- › Toyota
- › Tufts University
- › U.S. Department of Defense
- › Walt Disney Company
- › Yahoo!



Audiology and Speech/Language Services

Your student doesn't have to leave campus for audiological, cochlear implant, and speech/language services.

The Communication Studies and Services Department at RIT provides services and excellent collaborative educational programs through which your student can broaden and/or strengthen their communication competencies. Appointment and walk-in services are available.

Audiology

The Audiology Center offers a variety of free services, including:

- › hearing tests;
- › consultations;
- › FM/Roger loans;
- › speechreading and/or listening training;
- › cochlear implant mapping;
- › hearing aid and cochlear implant adjustments, troubleshooting, repairs, and upgrades.

An additional advantage is discounted pricing for new hearing aids and accessories. Your student also can purchase batteries, custom sound/swim plugs and earmolds, and other supplies.

Speech/Language

The Speech and Language Center offers individualized services and can focus on a variety of areas such as:

- › speech intelligibility;
- › grammar and technical/professional vocabulary and practice;
- › communication strategies for work-related interactions/job interviews, presentation skill development and practice;
- › use of current mobile applications as communication tools.

The Speech and Language Center offers equipment and software that provides visual feedback for production and facilitates conversational practice.

American Sign Language

RIT also offers introductory American Sign Language classes for deaf and hard-of-hearing students who are interested in learning ASL as well as courses for students who use ASL and want to expand their skills. RIT also offers ASL and Deaf Cultural Studies classes.

RIT/NTID audiologists and speech-language pathologists are certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and are specifically trained to work with deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals.



Inclusive Community. Accessible Facilities.

RIT is a place where every deaf and hard-of-hearing student belongs. From our welcoming community to the design of our facilities, your student will benefit from superior accessibility on campus and in the deaf-friendly greater Rochester area.

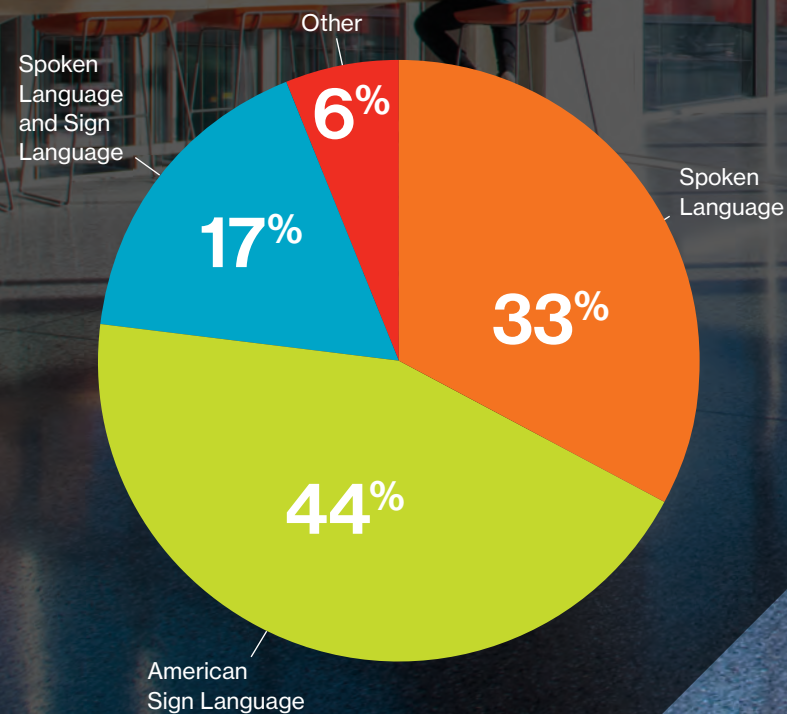
Inclusive Community

RIT offers an environment where deaf and hard-of-hearing students fit in, feel comfortable, pursue their dreams and fulfill their potential. Your student will find a real sense of community at RIT and create connections that last a lifetime.

Deaf and hard-of-hearing students who attend RIT use various communication modes. They come from across the United States and many different countries and represent a diverse range of ethnic, geographic, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Your student will discover an environment that will help them build upon strengths they already have, explore new options, and come into their own as a scholar, a leader, and a citizen of the world.

Communication Mode of our Students



Accessible Facilities

Serving more than 1,100 deaf and hard-of-hearing students, RIT has made sure our campus is accessible.

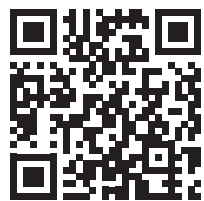
- > Specially designed dorm rooms include strobe fire alarms and doorbells.
- > Visual emergency warning systems are present in all academic buildings.
- > RIT's Public Safety officers are on duty 24/7 for safety, security, and traffic control. Public Safety is easily accessible by phone, text, email, and blue-light security call boxes located around campus.
- > TigerSafe is the official safety app of RIT and provides instant access to campus safety resources. The safety app also sends students, faculty, and staff important safety alerts in an emergency situation.

Beyond campus, your student will find Rochester has one of the nation's largest populations of people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Many restaurants, movie theaters, and stores have experience serving deaf and hard-of-hearing people.

Grow and Thrive

RIT is a place where deaf and hard-of-hearing students from diverse backgrounds, communication modes, and interests come together to grow and thrive and get a world-class education. There's no other university like it in the world.

See how deaf and
hard-of-hearing
students thrive at RIT



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Deaf and hard-of-hearing students find their fit and form their future at RIT.

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Schedule your visit

Meet our brilliant faculty and take a deeper dive into our academic programs and vibrant campus life. **Experience the extraordinary at RIT.**



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