

Application Instructions

Transfer Applicant Status

You should apply to RIT as a *freshman* if you are currently in secondary school or have graduated from secondary school but have not yet attended college. You should apply to RIT as a *transfer* if you have attended any college *after graduating* from secondary school. Special information regarding admission as an international, NTID or HEOP candidate is provided below.

All applications for transfer admission (for fall, winter, spring, or summer quarter entry) are reviewed on a “rolling” basis, with notification letters mailed four to six weeks after the application is complete.

NTID and NTID-Supported Applicants

Deaf or hard-of-hearing students may apply for transfer admission to programs offered at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) or to any other RIT college. *Applicants should check the appropriate box in the Applicant Status section of the application in order to qualify for educational access and support services (such as sign-language interpreters, notetakers, tutors), as well as NTID’s federally-supported tuition rate.*

Applications for NTID’s associate degree programs are reviewed on a “rolling” basis, with admission notification four to six weeks after all materials have been received. Applicants seeking admission to programs offered by other RIT colleges should follow the application instructions for those programs.

Higher Education Opportunity Program

The Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) provides educationally and financially disadvantaged residents of New York State with access to independent colleges and universities throughout the state by providing special academic support services and financial assistance.

New York State residents who wish to be considered for admission through HEOP should check the box for HEOP admission in the Applicant Status section. HEOP candidates must also be prepared to submit financial documentation to determine HEOP eligibility. The Undergraduate Admissions Office will request this information once your application has been received. *Please contact our HEOP Office at (585) 475-2221 to discuss HEOP financial eligibility guidelines before applying.*

HEOP admission is available only to students who have not previously attended college, or to transfer students who were part of their previous college’s EOP or HEOP program. Candidates are encouraged to request a waiver of the normally required \$50 application fee if payment of this fee presents a hardship.

International Applicants

International students may use either this application form or RIT’s International Student Application. Students whose native language is not English must submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination. International applicants applying for fall quarter (September) admission should have all educational records and admission materials on file by May 1. Applications are reviewed on a “rolling” basis, with admissions notification four to six weeks after all materials are received by RIT. International applicants who are deaf should apply for support services provided through the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID).

Program Selection

When you apply for admission to RIT, you are asked to select a specific academic program as part of our admission process. This is important because we offer a variety of academic programs, and admission requirements may differ from one program to another. In this section, you will select the academic program you want to study at RIT. *The programs and their corresponding codes are listed on pages C and D. Please refer to this list when indicating your program choice.*

If you do not feel ready to select a specific academic program, you may apply for admission to one of the “undeclared option” programs offered by several RIT colleges, or choose the RIT Exploration Program offered in our College of Liberal Arts.

If you do not meet the requirements for admission to your first choice program of study, or if that program has filled all available spaces, you will not be offered admission to that program. You may, however, be offered admission to a second or third choice alternate program if you have selected one. Applicants who choose second or third choice programs from different schools or colleges within RIT are more likely to be qualified for admission to one of their chosen programs.

Academic Transcripts

As a transfer applicant, you should request immediate forwarding of official college transcripts from all colleges previously attended. If you have completed fewer than 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours, you must also submit official secondary school transcripts. If you are currently enrolled in college, please be sure to complete the Transfer Course List to indicate any courses you will complete before entering RIT. This form is included in our transfer application packets. You may also download or complete the form on the Web at www.rit.edu/admissions.

Portfolio Requirements

All students applying for admission to the School of Art, School of Design, School for American Crafts, or NTID's Art and Computer Design program must submit an art portfolio for consideration. The portfolio should consist of ten to twenty 35mm slides of the student's best work, submitted on 35mm slides or a digital CD. Please review the portfolio instructions at <http://admissions.rit.edu/applyonline.php3> before submitting your portfolio.

Students who wish to make special arrangements to show their art portfolio while visiting campus should contact the Undergraduate Admissions Office.

Transfer applicants to the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences seeking credit for previous photography courses must submit a photography portfolio for credit evaluation. Please contact the School or the Undergraduate Admissions Office for additional details.

Required Admission Tests

All transfer applicants who have completed fewer than 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours at the time of application must submit results from the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT-I) of the College Entrance Examination Board or ACT assessment scores from the ACT Testing Program. Applicants are encouraged to have the testing agency send SAT or ACT scores directly to RIT or to have test results included on their high school transcript.

International students whose native language is not English must submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and are encouraged to submit SAT or ACT results if available.

Applying on the Web

You may complete and submit our application on the Web at www.rit.edu/admissions. You may also download and print the application.