AN OVERVIEW
THE BEST EDUCATION FOR DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING STUDENTS
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**Justin Simmons**

**Pickering, Ohio**

**B.S., packaging science**

“For college I searched for a place where people understood me and where I could be part of a Deaf community, because I didn’t have that experience in my mainstream high school. By coming to RIT I am with other people like me, have many academic programs to choose from and get to take advantage of wonderful support services.”
A SUPERIOR EDUCATION

Jump Start Your Career

Today more than ever, one of the most important things you can do to ensure your success is to pursue a career-oriented education. Your education must be relevant. It must prepare you for the real challenges and opportunities you will experience once you graduate.

As a career-focused university, RIT will provide you with the finest career preparation to give you a competitive edge. As an RIT student, you may join a team solving business problems through industry-sponsored classroom projects, or work alongside a faculty member on a research project funded by an international company or organization.

You’ll also get hands-on experience in your field through a cooperative work experience, and apply what you’re learning in the classroom to a real-world job before you even graduate. Your co-op can offer you paid professional experience, providing you with a salary—real income that you can apply toward tuition, books and living expenses. And co-ops are a great way to develop connections and relationships that can help advance your career, add depth to your resume and make you more marketable.

Each year, more than 4,300 RIT students complete more than 5,700 work assignments with more than 2,200 companies and organizations. RIT’s co-op partners include Apple, Boeing, Google, Xerox and many other Fortune 500 businesses that help RIT students jump start their careers and hit the ground running when they graduate.

Individua|l Career Guidance

Employment specialists in the NTID Center on Employment are assigned to your academic program and will work with you individually throughout your time at RIT. NCE staff provide a number of services for you before and during your co-op job search—and after you’re hired. Last year, NCE personnel provided more than 3,000 hours of student and graduate employment advising, and assisted students with job search preparation services such as conducting practice job interviews and helping prepare resumes and cover letters. NCE staff also network with employers across the country to develop opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing students and graduates.

Your Career Success

A degree from RIT will take you where you want to go. We are committed to making sure you’re prepared for career success. Deaf and hard-of-hearing students graduate from RIT with the knowledge and skills they need to contribute immediately in the workplace—no matter where their ambitions take them.

Our graduates are working at places such as NASA, Microsoft, U.S. Department of Defense, BNY Mellon, Merck & Co., Sprint, JP Morgan Chase and many other corporations and organizations across the country. They’re making their mark in engineering, business, science, information technology and visual communication as well as in the environmental field and many other areas.

Last year, 94 percent of deaf and hard-of-hearing students who sought jobs after graduation found one within a year.
Your Path to a Career

We’re here to help you select the program and pathway that match your interests and abilities and allow you to achieve your goals. There are three pathways available to you:

**Pathway #1**
**Bachelor’s Degree Programs**
If you’re interested in and qualified for a bachelor’s degree program, you can pursue any of nearly 80 exciting and challenging majors offered in the College of Applied Science and Technology, Saunders College of Business, B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, Kate Gleason College of Engineering, College of Health Sciences and Technology, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, College of Liberal Arts and College of Science. If you’re unsure which college fits your interests, you may apply to enter University Studies to explore various bachelor’s degree programs.

**Pre-Baccalaureate Programs**
If you would like to enter a bachelor’s degree program in the RIT Colleges of Engineering, Health Sciences and Technology, Imaging Arts and Sciences, Liberal Arts or Science, but need to complete a small number of courses to qualify for admission, you may be eligible to enter a pre-baccalaureate program. All pre-baccalaureate programs are individualized, and planned with you and your academic adviser to prepare you for the bachelor’s degree program to which you wish to apply.

**Pathway #2**
**Associate+Bachelor’s Degree Programs**
RIT’s National Technical Institute for the Deaf offers an array of associate degrees that provide a solid foundation for entry into RIT bachelor’s degree programs. Associate+bachelor’s degree programs include 3D graphics technology*, accounting technology, administrative support technology, applied computer technology, applied liberal arts, applied mechanical technology, business, civil technology, hospitality and service management and laboratory science technology.

**Pathway #3**
**Associate Degree—Career-Focused Programs**
If you’re looking for a fast track to career success, you may choose to pursue an associate degree in any of our state-of-the-art technical programs. These include: 3D graphics technology*, accounting technology, administrative support technology, applied computer technology, business technology, computer-aided drafting technology, computer-integrated machining technology, design and imaging technology, laboratory science technology and mobile application development.

**Career Exploration Studies**
If you want to collect additional information about careers and majors before deciding on an associate degree program of study, or if you need to take additional course work to qualify you for an associate degree program, you may choose the career exploration studies program. This program offers you the opportunity to do a career search while you develop a better understanding of yourself through career and personal counseling and the sampling of various majors. A counselor/faculty adviser will work with you to assist you in evaluating information and making a career decision.

While you remain in the career exploration studies program you will take introductory and foundation courses in various majors as well as courses in English, mathematics, humanities and social science.

**Fully Accessible Campus**
With more than 1,200 deaf and hard-of-hearing students in our college community, RIT has made sure our campus is fully accessible. Specially designed dorm rooms include strobe fire alarms and doorbells. Visual emergency warning systems are present in academic buildings, and an emergency notification system is in place for increased campus safety. RIT also provides high-speed computing access that is hard to beat anywhere. In fact, “The Princeton Review” consistently ranks RIT among the most connected campuses in the country.

* Pending New York State approval.
Direct Instruction and Access Services

Career-Focused Associate Degree Programs

Direct Instruction
If you take courses at NTID, faculty members will communicate directly with you using a variety of strategies, which may include sign language with voice, sign language without voice, spoken language (FM systems are available), fingerspelling, printed/visual aids, web-based instructional materials and individual tutoring.

If you have concerns about classroom communication in a particular NTID course in which you are enrolled, you should bring it to the attention of the instructor and program/department chairperson, who will help identify strategies to provide effective access to classroom communication. In some cases, you will be able to request access services under NTID’s Flexible Direct Instruction (FDI) guidelines. FDI requests are considered on a case-by-case basis and provision of additional services is not guaranteed.

As a student taking NTID courses, you will have access to a state-of-the-art learning center staffed by professional and peer tutors. An assigned counselor will work closely with you to help you plan your collegiate experience and provide you with personal, social, career and academic advising and counseling services.

Bachelor’s Degree Programs

Instruction with Access Services
If you qualify to take courses in the College of Applied Science and Technology, Saunders College of Business, B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, Kate Gleason College of Engineering, College of Health Sciences and Technology, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, or College of Science, RIT will provide the educational access services you need.

You can choose from among sign language interpreting, FM systems, notetaking or real-time captioning services. Alternative services also may be requested.

You also will have access to a unique system of educational support services such as tutoring by experienced faculty tutors, personal and career counseling and academic advisers.

Interpreting
RIT has the largest staff of professional sign language interpreters of any college program in the world. Last year, RIT provided more than 140,000 hours of interpreting services. In addition to classroom interpreting, you also may request interpreting services for non-academic activities such as athletic events, religious services, student government meetings, guest presentations and other student life activities.

Notetaking
Trained student notetakers record information during class or laboratory lectures, discussions and multimedia presentations. The resulting class notes are uploaded to the web, so you can easily access them. Last year, RIT provided more than 60,000 hours of notetaking services for students.

Real-Time Captioning Services
This service provides a comprehensive English text display of classroom lectures and discussion. Students read this text during class and may print it as a permanent record of classroom discussions.

Tutoring/Advising
Faculty tutors/advisers help answer your questions and clarify concepts and information taught in classes. They also provide academic advising, discuss programs and career goals with you, and help you plan your schedule, select classes and prepare for cooperative (co-op) work experiences.

Associate+Bachelor’s Degree Programs

Direct Instruction and Instruction with Access Services
If you qualify for these programs, NTID instructors will use a variety of strategies to communicate directly with you in your courses. In some cases, you may request access services under NTID’s FDI guidelines. FDI requests are considered on a case-by-case basis and provision of additional services is not guaranteed.

For courses in your program that are taught by faculty members in RIT’s eight mainstream colleges, you may request additional access services. You also may take advantage of educational support such as tutoring by experienced faculty tutors, career counseling and academic advising.
Most students applying to RIT choose a specific major as part of the admission process. In addition, all colleges offer undeclared options, and the University Studies program is available to applicants with interests in two or more colleges. Given the variety of majors, admission requirements and entrance exam score ranges will vary from one major to another. The chart below is provided to help you select a major or option that best fits your interests and academic background.

For all bachelor’s degree programs, a strong performance in a college preparatory program is expected. Generally, this includes 4 years of English, 3-4 years of mathematics, 2-3 years of science and 3 years of social studies and/or history. See specific math and science requirements and other recommendations below.

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| **School of Engineering Technology** | • Civil Engineering Technology  
• Computer Engineering Technology (all options)  
• Electrical Engineering Technology (all options)  
• Electrical/Mechanical Engineering Technology  
• Manufacturing Engineering Technology  
• Mechanical Engineering Technology  
• Undeclared Engineering Technology Option  
• Environmental Sustainability, Health and Safety  
• Packaging Science | • 3 years of math required; pre-calculus recommended  
• Chemistry or physics required; biology recommended  
• Technology electives desirable | 1100-1270 (Old scoring)  
1170-1330 (Estimated new scoring) | 25-30 |
| **College of Applied Science and Technology** | • International Hospitality and Service Management | • 3 years of math required | 1070-1250 (Old scoring)  
1140-1310 (Estimated new scoring) | 21-26 |
| **Saunders College of Business** | • Accounting  
• Finance  
• International Business  
• Management  
• Management Information Systems | • Marketing  
• New Media Marketing  
• Business Exploration Option | • 3 years of math required; pre-calculus recommended | 1090-1280 (Old scoring)  
1160 - 1340 (Estimated new scoring) | 24-29 |
| **Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences** | • Computer Science  
• Computing and Information Technologies  
• Computing Security  
• Game Design and Development  
• Human-Centered Computing  
• New Media Interactive Development  
• Software Engineering  
• Web and Mobile Computing  
• Computing Exploration Option | • 3 years of math required; pre-calculus required for computer science, computing security and software engineering, and recommended for all other programs  
• All programs require chemistry or physics and strongly recommend both  
• Computing electives are recommended | 1200-1390 (Old scoring)  
1270 - 1440 (Estimated new scoring) | 28-33 |
| **Kate Gleason College of Engineering** | • Biomedical Engineering  
• Chemical Engineering  
• Computer Engineering (all options)  
• Electrical Engineering (all options)  
• Human-Centered Computing  
• Mechanical Engineering (all options)  
• Microelectronic Engineering  
• Engineering Exploration Program | • 4 years of math required; including pre-calculus or above  
• Chemistry and physics required  
• Biology required for biomedical engineering | 1230-1400 (Old scoring)  
1300 - 1450 (Estimated new scoring) | 28-32 |
| **College of Science** | • Applied Mathematics  
• Applied Statistics and Actuarial Science  
• Biochemistry  
• Biostatistics  
• Biology  
• Biotechnology and Molecular Bioscience  
• Chemistry  
• Computational Mathematics  
• Environmental Science  
• Imaging Science  
• Physics  
• Science Exploration (Undeclared Option) | • 3 years of math required; pre-calculus required for imaging science & physics, recommended for all programs  
• Biology required for biological sciences and environmental sciences and recommended for science exploration  
• Chemistry required for biological sciences, biochemistry, chemistry and environmental science  
• Chemistry or physics required for physics | 1160-1350 (Old scoring)  
1230-1410 (Estimated new scoring) | 27-32 |
| **College of Health Sciences and Technology** | • Biomedical Sciences  
• Diagnostic Medical Sonography (Ultrasound)  
• Exercise Science  
• Nutrition Management  
• Physician Assistant (BS/MS) | • 3 years of math is required. Pre-calculus is recommended for all programs except nutrition management.  
• Biology is required for all programs. Chemistry is required for all programs except diagnostic medical sonography, where it is recommended. | 1100-1270 (Old scoring)  
1170-1330 (Estimated new scoring) | 26-30 |

**Pre-Professional Studies**

Students interested in pre-professional studies (pre-law, pre-med and other pre-health professions) may enroll in any major at RIT and then take advantage of the advising and student organizations associated with their respective interests.

**University Studies Option**

The University Studies option is coordinated by the Division of Academic Affairs for students who wish to explore majors across two or more of RIT’s colleges. The program provides students one year to explore and focus their academic and career interests. Admission to this program is based on high school performance, standardized test scores and appropriate preparation for possible academic interests. Please refer to admissions requirements in the colleges that correspond to your possible interests.

1 A one-year program for students wishing to explore alternatives before selecting a specific major within this RIT college or school.

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<td><strong>College of Imaging Arts and Sciences</strong></td>
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<td>Field of study for students who may need additional preparation before entering a bachelor’s degree program.</td>
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<td>School of Art</td>
<td>• Fine Arts Studio • Illustration • Medical Illustration • Undeclared Art Option¹</td>
<td>• Studio art experience and a portfolio of original artwork are required for all programs in the Schools of Art, Design and Crafts.</td>
<td>1090-1290 (Old scoring)</td>
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<td>• Portfolio guidelines can be found at <a href="http://cias.rit.edu/prospective-students/portfolio-guide">http://cias.rit.edu/prospective-students/portfolio-guide</a>.</td>
<td>1160-1350 (Estimated new scoring)</td>
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<td>School for American Crafts</td>
<td>• Ceramics • Furniture Design • Glass • Metals and Jewelry Design • Undeclared Crafts Option¹</td>
<td>• Medical illustration requires biology.</td>
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<td>School of Film and Animation</td>
<td>• Film and Animation – Animation Option – Production Option – Motion Picture Science</td>
<td>• Motion picture science requires 3 years of math; pre-calculus and physics are recommended.</td>
<td>1160-1350 (Old scoring)</td>
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<td>School of Photographic Arts and Sciences</td>
<td>• Photographic and Imaging Arts – Advertising Photography Option – Fine Art Photography Option – Photographic and Imaging Option – Visual Media Option</td>
<td>• Photography Sciences – Biomedical Photographic Communications Option – Imaging and Photographic Technology Option – Undeclared Photography Option¹</td>
<td>1050-1230 (Old scoring)</td>
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<td>• Biology is required for the biomedical photographic communications option of photographic sciences.</td>
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<td>School of Print Media</td>
<td>• Media Arts and Technology</td>
<td>• 3 years of math required • Chemistry or physics required</td>
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<td>• Advertising and Public Relations • Communication • Criminal Justice • Digital Humanities and Social Sciences • Economics • International and Global Studies</td>
<td>• Public policy requires 3 years of math. • Strong performance in English and social studies is expected.</td>
<td>1040-1260 (Old scoring)</td>
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<td><strong>School of Individualized Study (SOIS)</strong></td>
<td>• Applied Arts and Sciences</td>
<td>This degree offers students the opportunity to create individualized undergraduate programs of technical and professional study.</td>
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<td>Deaf and hard-of-hearing students seeking admission to bachelor’s degree programs in the other colleges of RIT should refer to the information for the appropriate college and apply for NTID support and access services during the application process. A Pre-baccalaureate Studies Option also is available for students who may need additional preparation before entering a bachelor's degree program.</td>
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<td><strong>Associate Degree Leading to Bachelor's Degree (A + B) Programs</strong></td>
<td>• American Sign Language-English Interpretation (BS)</td>
<td>• 3 years of math required • 2 years of a foreign language recommended • Must demonstrate beginning ASL competency</td>
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<td><strong>Career-focused Associate Degree Programs (Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students ONLY)</strong></td>
<td>• Accounting Technology • Administrative Support Technology • Applied Computer Technology • Business Technology • Career Exploration Studies¹ • Computer Aided Drafting Technology</td>
<td>• 2 years of math required • 1 year of science required • English language skills as evidenced by application materials determines associate degree options.</td>
<td>Most applicants to NTID submit ACT scores. NTID recommends that applicants submit the ACT score, but will consider either SAT or ACT.</td>
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An Investment That Pays

When it comes to helping deaf and hard-of-hearing students graduate and get jobs, there’s no better place than RIT.

Research shows that deaf and hard-of-hearing students who attend RIT are significantly more likely to earn a degree than deaf and hard-of-hearing students who attend other postsecondary institutions.

47% of deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT/NTID students from the incoming classes of 2006-2008 earned a degree by fall 2012. Of deaf and hard-of-hearing students who considered RIT, but chose to enroll at other postsecondary institutions in the same time period, only 31% earned a degree by fall 2012.

Each year, on average, more than 255 deaf and hard-of-hearing students complete cooperative work assignments with employers throughout the country.

Deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT alumni thrive in all economic sectors.

- 28% Education & Non-Profit
- 61% Business & Industry
- 11% Government

Employers include:

Deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT graduates are competitive in the marketplace.

- Deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT associate degree graduates earn 95% more than deaf and hard-of-hearing graduates from other postsecondary institutions.*
- Deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT bachelor’s degree graduates earn 178% more than deaf and hard-of-hearing graduates from other postsecondary institutions.*

Deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT grads are ready to succeed.

Last year, 94% of students who sought jobs after graduation found one within a year.

More than 8,000 deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT alumni
On-Site Communication Services

You don’t have to leave campus for audiological, speech/language or cochlear implant services. The Communication Studies and Services Department provides services and excellent collaborative educational programs through which you can broaden and/or strengthen your communication competencies. Services are offered on both an appointment and a walk-in basis, depending on availability. Many of these services are provided to students free of charge.

Audiology  At the Audiology Center, you can receive many services, including hearing tests, FM fittings and hearing aid evaluations. You also can purchase batteries, custom sound/swim plugs and earmolds, and arrange for hearing aid repairs. Audiology faculty and staff members can provide you with an Individual Communication and Skill Development program if you are interested in addressing your communication needs in the areas of speechreading and listening.

Cochlear Implant Services  The Communication Studies and Services Department also provides one-on-one cochlear implant consultations for students who need mapping adjustments, troubleshooting assistance or listening practice. There is an on-campus support network of cochlear implant users, which meets regularly for social activities and to discuss the latest information on cochlear implants. Students interested in cochlear implant candidacy also can schedule a cochlear implant consultation and participate in the cochlear implant group’s activities.

Speech/Language  On-campus speech/language services include opportunities to enhance your use of spoken English and your overall communication competence. The Speech & Language Center offers equipment and software that provides visual feedback for speech production, multimedia recording and playback of language samples, automatic speech recognition and split-screen videotaping to facilitate conversational practice.

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 who have the academic preparation and desire to succeed. Because RIT receives special federal support, students who are deaf or hard of hearing pay less than one-half of RIT’s regular tuition rate. The substantial tuition reduction that deaf and hard-of-hearing students enjoy makes RIT a truly exceptional value. Students at RIT benefit from a world-class private university education at a public college price.

In addition to the tuition reduction, a variety of financial aid options are available, including scholarships, grants, loans, state-based Vocational Rehabilitation support and Supplemental Security Income assistance. RIT’s financial aid staff is ready to help you get all the financial assistance for which you qualify.

Annual Tuition Comparison

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<td>RIT tuition for deaf and hard-of-hearing students enrolled in any undergraduate degree program, and for students enrolled in the ASL-English Interpretation Program</td>
<td>$15,140</td>
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*Note: Tuition rates listed here are for U.S. students for the 2016-2017 academic year, September-May.
RIT is Alive with Energy and Excitement

Students at RIT take their academic pursuits seriously, but they’ll be the first to tell you that there’s more to life than lectures and labs. It won’t take long for you to find your niche in this community because there are a lot of ways to be involved.

There are so many activities at RIT that are open and accessible to deaf, hard-of-hearing and hearing students that you may have difficulty deciding what to do first. You can choose from on-campus fraternities and sororities, more than 300 clubs and organizations, NCAA Division III intercollegiate sports and Division I men’s and women’s hockey, student government and an interfaith religious center. In addition, RIT offers a full creative arts program for students, including theater, dance and music.

A Diverse Community

The RIT campus is diverse in its academic offerings, communication, culture and language.

Our community includes a broad mix of students with various communication styles in American Sign Language, English and spoken communication. Many students call RIT the best of all worlds because our campus offers so many opportunities to live, study, work and socialize with deaf, hard-of-hearing and hearing students, faculty and staff. There are more than 1,200 deaf and hard-of-hearing students on campus and 2,600 deaf, hard-of-hearing and hearing international students from more than 100 countries.

Ryan Clark-Sulkey
Newark, N.Y.
AOS, business technology

“I wanted to attend a large mainstream campus, but still have access to deaf and hard-of-hearing role models like I had in high school. I absolutely love the college. RIT offers a great education, personalized attention and a real sense of community.”
Rochester: Dynamic, Innovative, High-Tech City

Located on the shores of Lake Ontario, Rochester is New York State’s third-largest city and has one of the nation’s largest populations of people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Like RIT, Rochester is a dynamic and innovative place, and offers you a variety of career, cultural and recreational opportunities.

High-tech, optics, communications, research and manufacturing firms, including many Fortune 500 companies, choose Rochester as their base of operations. Xerox Corporation, Bausch & Lomb, Inc., Paychex, Inc., and other national and international firms make Rochester a great place for you to prepare for career success. In addition, these and other Rochester companies offer you excellent co-op and permanent employment opportunities.

Rochester’s numerous festivals, museums, galleries, theaters, restaurants and shopping malls provide something for your every taste and mood. And many area businesses have experience serving deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals. You will find the city and its service providers knowledgeable, friendly and courteous.

Rochester is within a six-hour drive of New York City, Boston, Detroit, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Montreal, and much closer than that to Niagara Falls and Toronto.

Personalized Admission Process

Our admission process is a personal one. Each application is reviewed holistically for strength of academic preparation, performance on standardized tests, counselor recommendations, and your personal and career interests. We seek applicants from a variety of geographic, social, cultural, economic and ethnic backgrounds.

Because of the variety of academic programs, admission requirements may differ from one program to another.

To qualify for admission, deaf and hard-of-hearing students must submit an audiogram. Students must demonstrate a significant hearing loss, and demonstrate the ability to benefit from the models used at RIT/NTID designed specifically to provide access to academic programs for deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

Sophie Phillips
Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.
B.S., medical illustration

“RIT provides outstanding access services and has extensive experience in educating deaf and hard-of-hearing students. I knew RIT was the place for me after attending an open house. It’s such a friendly and welcoming environment—my home away from home.”
Every year, more than 1,200 deaf and hard-of-hearing students from all around the world come to RIT to take advantage of our innovative academic and co-op programs as well as our outstanding access and support services. A world-class education, state-of-the-art facilities and opportunities for social and cultural enrichment await you at RIT.

Follow Your Dreams
With more than 200 programs of study and multiple degree-level options, you can choose the program that matches your interests and abilities and allows you to achieve your goals.

Try Something New
Opportunities in athletics, performing arts, or membership in any of more than 300 clubs and organizations on campus will help you develop leadership skills and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Experience Diversity
RIT embraces diversity and inclusivity. At RIT, you can live, study, work and socialize with deaf, hard-of-hearing and hearing students from around the world. Deaf and hard-of-hearing students with a variety of communication preferences attend RIT.

Access the Support You Need
Be part of a unique college community that understands your educational needs like no other college in the world.

Enjoy Real Success
The services and support we provide translate into real success for you. Last year, 94 percent of deaf and hard-of-hearing students who sought jobs after graduation found one within a year.

Come See for Yourself
Campus visits are the best way to experience all the possibilities RIT can offer you. We can arrange a visit for you and your family or school group. We also host open house events every fall and spring. Come see what awaits you at RIT.

Open House Dates
Saturday, September 24, 2016
Monday, October 10, 2016
Saturday, November 12, 2016
Friday, December 2, 2016
Friday, April 14, 2017
Friday, April 28, 2017

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