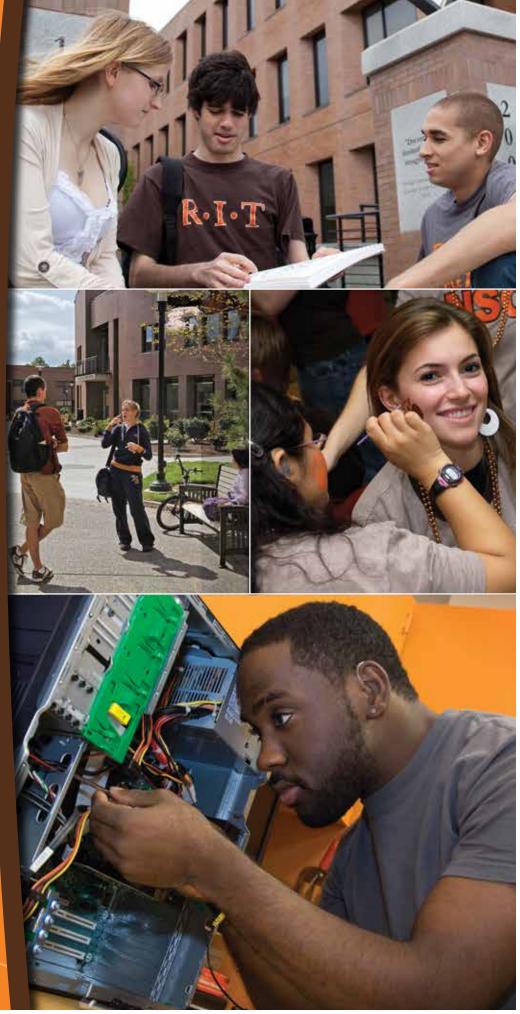# R·I·T

AN OVERVIEW
FOR DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING STUDENTS

2013-2014

A UNIQUE COLLEGE

**Maya Ariel
Livingston, N.J.**

*"For people who
want the best of
both worlds—
hearing and
deaf—RIT/NTID
is the place to be. I transferred here
because it was a better fit for me.
I also like that it offers great co-op
opportunities."*

Opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing students at Rochester Institute of Technology are unmatched by any university in the world.

As one of the world's leading technological institutions, Rochester Institute of Technology is home to more than 17,000 diverse, ambitious and creative students from more than 100 countries. Through our nine colleges, we offer more than 200 career-focused academic programs that provide you with the knowledge and skills the workplace demands.

But of our many strengths, there's one that really sets us apart—preparing deaf and hard-of-hearing students for success.

Each year more than 1,300 deaf and hard-of-hearing students come to RIT from around the United States and the world bringing with them a variety of life experiences. These students all choose RIT because the learning and living environments provide a place where they feel they can succeed academically, personally and socially.

It's a place where they meet many other students who have shared the same experiences growing up—students they can relate to and who can relate to them. At RIT, students, no matter what their background, feel that they fit in. They are part of a campus community committed to providing outstanding opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing students seldom found at other universities.

Look through these pages and you'll see why RIT is a great college choice and the right fit for you.

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 3,500 RIT students complete more than 5,500 work assignments with nearly 2,000 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.

Individual 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.

You'll Benefit in Very Real Ways

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 to the marketplace—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 the arts, as well as in the environmental field and many other areas.

Over the past five years, 91 percent of deaf and hard-of-hearing students who have sought jobs after graduation have found one within a year.

Your Path to Success

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 more than 90 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.
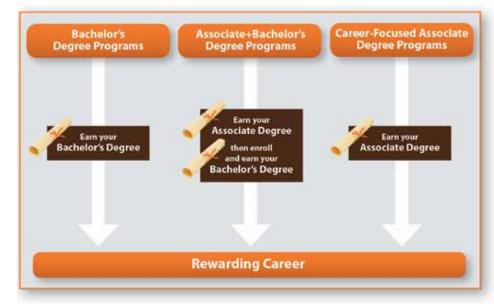
Pre-Baccalaureate Programs
If you would like to enter a bachelor's degree program in the RIT Colleges of Engineering, Health Sciences and Technology, Imaging Arts and Sciences, Liberal Arts or Science, but need to complete some courses to qualify for admission, you may be eligible to enter a pre-baccalaureate program. All pre-baccalaureate programs are individualized, planned by 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 Administrative Support Technology, Applied Computer Technology, Applied Liberal Arts, Applied Mechanical Technology, Business, 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: Accounting Technology, Administrative Support Technology, Applied Computer Technology, Arts and Imaging Studies, Business Technology, Computer-Aided Drafting Technology, Computer-Integrated Machining Technology and Laboratory Science Technology.

Career Exploration Studies
If you want to collect additional information about careers and majors before deciding on an associate degree program of study, 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 mathematics, humanities and social science.

Fully Accessible Campus

With more than 1,300 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.

Outstanding Access and Support Services

RIT provides one of the most accessible education communities in the world for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Here are just a few examples of the services that support your success.

BACHELOR-LEVEL PROGRAMS
Instruction with Access and Support Services

If you qualify to take courses in the Colleges of Applied Science and Technology, Business, Computing and Information Sciences, Engineering, Health Sciences and Technology, Imaging Arts and Sciences, Liberal Arts or Science, RIT will provide the educational access services you need.

You can choose from among sign language interpreting, real-time captioning services, FM systems and notetaking. Alternative services also may be provided. You also have access to a unique system of educational support services such as tutoring by experienced faculty tutors, personal and career counseling and academic advising.

Interpreting RIT has the largest staff of professional sign language interpreters of any college program in the world. Last year, RIT provided nearly 130,000 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. Class notes then are placed on the Web, so you can easily access them. Last year, RIT provided nearly 67,000 hours of notetaking services for students.

Real-Time Captioning Services This service uses C-Print® captionists to provide a thorough English text display of lectures and discussion. Students read this text during class and receive access to review or print it as a permanent record of class-room discussions.

Tutoring Faculty tutors working on a one-to-one basis or in a group format help answer your questions and clarify concepts and information taught in classes.

ASSOCIATE+BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

If you qualify for these programs, instructors will use a variety of strategies to communicate directly with you. These may include sign language, spoken language, fingerspelling, printed/visual aids, web-based instructional materials and individual tutoring in the courses in your program that are taught by faculty members at NTID. For courses in your program that are taught by faculty members in RIT's eight other colleges you may request access services. You also may take advantage of educational support such as tutoring by experienced faculty tutors, career counseling and academic advising.

CAREER-FOCUSED ASSOCIATE-LEVEL PROGRAMS
Direct Instruction

If you take courses at NTID, faculty members will facilitate communication in the classroom and will communicate directly with you using a variety of strategies, which may include sign language, spoken language (FM systems are available), fingerspelling, printed/visual aids, Web-based instructional materials and individual tutoring.

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.

COLLEGE PROFILES AND ADMISSION
REQUIREMENTS

College of Applied Science and Technology

Students
Undergraduate (main campus)	1660
Graduate	330

Majors and Options

School of Engineering Technology
Civil Engineering Technology
Computer Engineering Technology
Computer Engineering Technology/ Audio Option
Computer Engineering Technology/ Telecommunications Option
Electrical Engineering Technology
Electrical Engineering Technology/ Audio Option
Electrical Engineering Technology/ Telecommunications Option
Electrical/Mechanical Engineering Technology
Environmental Sustainability, Health and Safety
Manufacturing Engineering Technology
Mechanical Engineering Technology
Packaging Science
Undeclared Engineering Technology Option[1]

School of International Hospitality and Service Innovation
International Hospitality and Service Management

SAT (CR+M+W) ACT (Composite)	Middle 50% of Accepted Applicants	
	SAT	ACT
Engineering Technology	1580-1820	23-28
Environmental Sustainability, Health and Safety	1680-1940	25-29
Hospitality and Service Management	1600-1850	23-28
Packaging Science	1570-1830	23-28

Minimum High School Preparation

	Engineering Technology	Environmental Sust., Health and Safety	International Hospitality and Service Innovation	Packaging Science
Math				
Algebra	●	●	●	●
Geometry	●	●	●	●
Trigonometry	●	●	▲	●
Pre-calculus				▲
At Least 2 Years of Science				
Biology	▲	▲		▲
Chemistry	■	■		▲
Physics	■	■		

Additional Requirements
– College preparatory program (including required courses listed above)
– Technology courses also desirable for engineering technology applicants

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Saunders College of Business

Students
Undergraduate (main campus)	720
Graduate	360

Majors and Options
Accounting
Finance
International Business
Management
Management Information Systems
Marketing
New Media Marketing
Undeclared Business Option[1]

SAT (CR+M+W) ACT (Composite)	Middle 50% of Accepted Applicants	
	SAT	ACT
Business	1600-1850	23-28

Minimum High School Preparation

	Business
Math	
Algebra	●
Geometry	●
Trigonometry	▲
Pre-calculus	▲
At Least 2 Years of Science	
Biology	
Chemistry	
Physics	

Additional Requirements
– College preparatory program (including required courses listed above)
– Strong selection of courses emphasizing communications/writing also desirable

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B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences

Students
Undergraduate (main campus)	2640
Graduate	600

Majors and Options
Computer Science
Computing Security
Information Sciences and Technologies
Information Technology
Networking and Systems Administration
School of Interactive Games and Media
Game Design and Development
New Media Interactive Development
Software Engineering

Computing Exploration Option[1] (Undeclared Computing) (For students deciding among Computer Science, Computing Security, Information Technology, Networking and Systems Administration, or Software Engineering.)

SAT (CR+M+W) ACT (Composite)	Middle 50% of Accepted Applicants	
	SAT	ACT
Computer Science	1750-2010	27-32
Computing Security	1620-1890	25-31
Information Sciences and Technologies	1550-1850	23-27
Interactive Games and Media	1790-2020	27-32
Software Engineering	1710-2000	27-32

Minimum High School Preparation

	Computer Science	Computing Security	Information Sciences and Technologies	Interactive Games and Media	Software Engineering
Math					
Algebra	●	●	●	●	●
Geometry	●	●	●	●	●
Trigonometry	●	●	●	●	●
Pre-calculus	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
At Least 2 Years of Science					
Biology					
Chemistry	■	▲	▲	■	■
Physics	■	▲	▲	■	■

Additional Requirements
– College preparatory program (including required courses listed above)
– Computer programming course(s) also desirable

Kate Gleason College of Engineering

Students
Undergraduate (main campus)	2460
Graduate	580

Majors and Options
Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Computer Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Electrical/Computer Engineering Option
Electrical/Energy Option
Electrical/Robotics Option
Electrical/Wireless Communications Option
Industrial Engineering
Industrial/Ergonomics Option
Industrial/Lean Six Sigma Option
Industrial/Manufacturing Option
Industrial/Six Sigma Option
Industrial/Supply Chain Management Option
Mechanical Engineering
Mechanical/Aerospace Option
Mechanical/Automotive Option
Mechanical/Bioengineering Option
Mechanical/Energy and Environment Option
Microelectronic Engineering
Engineering Exploration Program[1]

SAT (CR+M+W) ACT (Composite)	Middle 50% of Accepted Applicants	
	SAT	ACT
Engineering	1790-2030	28-32

Minimum High School Preparation

	Engineering
Math	
Algebra	●
Geometry	●
Trigonometry	●
Pre-calculus	●
At Least 2 Years of Science	
Biology	†
Chemistry	●
Physics	●

Additional Requirements
– College preparatory program (including required courses listed above)
† Biomedical engineering requires biology.

College of Health Sciences and Technology

Students
Undergraduate (main campus)	540
Graduate	35

Majors and Options[2]
Biomedical Sciences
Diagnostic Medical Sonography (Ultrasound)
Nutrition Management
Physician Assistant Program (BS/MS)

SAT (CR+M+W) ACT (Composite)	Middle 50% of Accepted Applicants	
	SAT	ACT
Health Sciences and Technology	1660-1915	25-29

Minimum High School Preparation

	Biomedical Sciences	Diagnostic Medical Sonography	Nutrition Management	Physician Assistant
Math				
Algebra	●	●	●	●
Geometry	●	●	●	●
Trigonometry	●	●	▲	●
Pre-calculus	▲	▲		▲
At Least 2 Years of Science				
Biology	●	●		●
Chemistry	●	■	●	●
Physics	▲	■		▲

Additional Requirements
– College preparatory program (including required courses listed above)

The information in this chart is provided to help you determine the major or option that is the best fit for you. Factors considered in our admission decisions include, but are not limited to, past academic performance (especially in required academic subjects), admission test scores, competitiveness of high school, and academic major selected.

College of Imaging Arts and Sciences

Students
Undergraduate (main campus)	1950
Graduate	315

Majors and Options

School of Art
Fine Arts Studio, Illustration, Medical Illustration, Undeclared Art Option[1]

School of Design
3D Digital Design, Graphic Design, Industrial Design, Interior Design, New Media Design, Undeclared Design Option[1]

School for American Crafts
Ceramics, Furniture Design, Glass, Metals and Jewelry Design, Undeclared Crafts Option[1]

School of Film and Animation
Film and Animation
Motion Picture Science

School of Photographic Arts and Sciences
Photographic and Imaging Arts
  Advertising Photography Option,
  Fine Art Photography Option,
  Photojournalism Option,
  Visual Media Option
Photographic and Imaging Technologies
  Biomedical Photographic
  Communications Option, Imaging and
  Photographic Technology Option

School of Print Media
Media Arts and Technology

SAT (CR+M+W) ACT (Composite)	Middle 50% of Accepted Applicants	
	SAT	ACT
Art, Design, Crafts	1630-1940	24-30
Film & Animation	1710-1980	25-30
Photographic Arts and Sciences	1570-1850	24-29
Print Media	1510-1820	22-27

College of Liberal Arts

Students
Undergraduate (main campus)	615
Graduate	110

Majors and Options

Advertising and Public Relations
Communication
Criminal Justice
Economics
International and Global Studies
Journalism
Museum Studies
Philosophy
Political Science
Psychology
Public Policy
Sociology and Anthropology
Liberal Arts Exploration[1]

SAT (CR+M+W) ACT (Composite)	Middle 50% of Accepted Applicants	
	SAT	ACT
Liberal Arts	1560-1830	23-29

National Technical Institute for the Deaf

Students
Associate Degree Programs	720
NTID-supported in BS/BFA Programs	720

Majors and Options

Accounting Technology
Administrative Support Technology
Administrative Support
  Technology (AS+BS)[3]
Business (AS+BS)[3]
Business Technology
Hospitality and Service
  Management (AS+BS)[3]
Applied Computer Technology
Applied Computer Technology (AS+BS)[3]
Applied Liberal Arts (AS+BS)[3]
Arts and Imaging Studies
American Sign Language-English
  Interpretation (BS)
Applied Mechanical Technology (AS+BS)[3]
Computer Aided Drafting Technology
Computer Integrated
  Machining Technology
Laboratory Science Technology
Laboratory Science Technology (AS+BS)[3]
Pre-baccalaureate Studies
Career Exploration Studies[1]

SAT (CR+M+W) ACT (Composite)		Middle 50% of Accepted Applicants	
Associate Degree Programs		SAT	ACT
Career-focused		1100-1170	15-16
(AS+BS)[3] and Pre-baccalaurate		1290–1470	18-21
ASL-English Interpretation		1530–1940	22-29
NTID-supported BS/BFA Programs		See scores for desired RIT program	See scores for desired RIT program

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College of Science

Students
Undergraduate (main campus)	875
Graduate	230

Majors and Options[2]

Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science
Imaging Science

Thomas H. Gosnell School of Life Sciences
Bioinformatics
Biology
Environmental Science
Biotechnology and Molecular Bioscience

School of Mathematical Sciences
Applied Mathematics
Applied Statistics
Computational Mathematics

Department of Chemistry
Biochemistry
Chemistry

Department of Physics
Physics

Science Exploration
(Undeclared Option)[1]

SAT (CR+M+W) ACT (Composite)	Middle 50% of Accepted Applicants	
	SAT	ACT
Science	1690-1980	26-31

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.

Applied Arts and Science Program

This program offers students the opportunity to create individualized undergraduate programs of technical and professional study through its applied arts and science program.

The applied arts and science program is particularly appropriate for individuals who have prior college-level learning, are interested in changing majors, have unique ideas about how they want to design their academic areas of study, or want to prepare themselves for a career that requires skills and expertise from several disciplines.

Minimum High School Preparation — College of Imaging Arts and Sciences

	Art, Design,* American Crafts	Film and Animation	Photographic Arts and Sciences	Print Media
Math				
Algebra	●	●	●	●
Geometry	●	●	●	●
Trigonometry		‡		●
Pre-calculus		‡		
At Least 2 Years of Science				
Biology		†		
Chemistry		‡		■
Physics		‡		■

Additional Requirements
★ Studio art experience and a portfolio of original artwork are required for all art, design, and crafts majors.
– Medical illustration major requires 2 years of science (biology preferred).
† Biomedical photographic communications option requires biology.
‡ Motion picture science requires trigonometry and chemistry or physics. Pre-calculus is recommended.

Minimum High School Preparation — College of Liberal Arts

	Liberal Arts
Math	
Algebra	●
Geometry	●
Trigonometry	†
Pre-calculus	
At Least 2 Years of Science	
Biology	
Chemistry	
Physics	

Additional Requirements
– College preparatory program (including required courses listed above)
– Strong performance in English and social studies courses also expected
† Public policy major requires trigonometry.

Minimum High School Preparation — National Technical Institute for the Deaf

	Associate-Level Programs	Pre-baccalaureate Programs	ASL-English Interpretation
Math			
Algebra	●	●	●
Geometry	●	●	●
Trigonometry	†	†	▲
Pre-calculus		▲	
At Least 2 Years of Science			
Biology	●	●	
Chemistry	●	●	
Physics	‡	‡	

Additional Requirements
– Strong performance in English courses and two years of foreign language recommended for ASL-English Interpretation major
† Science, engineering, and transfer programs require three or more years of mathematics.
‡ Engineering and science majors require three or more years of science.

Minimum High School Preparation — College of Science

	Biological Science	Chemistry Programs	Environmental Science	Science Exploration	Imaging Science	Mathematics/Statistics	Medical Sciences	Physics
Math								
Algebra	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Geometry	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Trigonometry	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Pre-calculus	▲	▲	▲	▲	●	▲	▲	●
At Least 2 Years of Science								
Biology	●		●	▲			●	†
Chemistry	●	●	●	▲	■	▲	●	†
Physics	▲		▲	■	▲	▲	▲	●

Additional Requirements
– College preparatory program (including required courses listed above)
† Physics major requires chemistry or biology.

● Required for admission
■ Requires Chemistry *or* Physics
▲ Recommended (not required)

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

[2] Students interested in premedicine, predentistry, preveterinary, or preoptometry advising programs may select any major at RIT.

[3] These are associate degree programs that prepare students to enroll in RIT bachelor's degree programs.

Information is correct at time of printing.

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Exceptional Value and Affordability

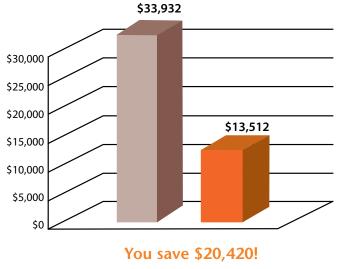RIT is committed to ensuring that a quality education remains within the financial reach of deaf and hard-of-hearing students who have the academic preparation and desire to succeed. Because RIT receives special federal support, students who are deaf or hard of hearing pay about one-third of RIT's regular 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

$33,932

$13,512

$30,000
$25,000
$20,000
$15,000
$10,000
$5,000
$0

You save $20,420!

■ Regular RIT Tuition

■ RIT Tuition for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students and Students in the ASL-English Interpretation Program

*Note: Tuition rates listed here are for U.S. students for the 2013-2014 academic year, September-May.
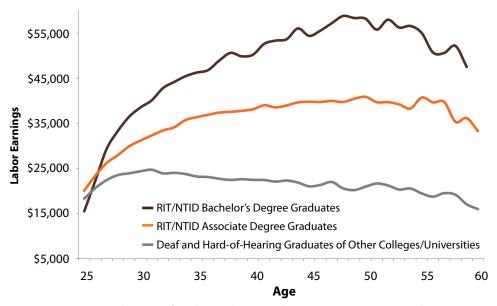
An Investment That Works

All colleges and universities talk about their commitment to the lifetime success of their graduates. But at RIT/NTID we do more. We actually measure it, and our analysis shows that completing a degree from RIT/NTID has significant economic benefits for deaf and hard-of-hearing graduates. At age 50, RIT/NTID deaf and hard-of-hearing graduates with a bachelor's degree or an associate degree earn 178% and 95%, respectively, more than deaf and hard-of-hearing students who graduate from other colleges and universities around the country.

Earnings data comes from the Social Security Administration's Master Earnings File (MEF).

Legend:
- RIT/NTID Bachelor's Degree Graduates
- RIT/NTID Associate Degree Graduates
- Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Graduates of Other Colleges/Universities

On-Site Communication Services

You don't have to leave campus for audiological, speech/language or cochlear implant services. RIT's 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 Clinic, you can receive many services, including hearing tests, FM fittings and hearing aid evaluations. At our Hearing Aid Shop, you 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 and 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 Spoken Language Learning and Practice Lab 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.

Campus Life

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. RIT is alive with energy and excitement. 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 200 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 opportunities to live, study, work and socialize with deaf, hard-of-hearing and hearing students, faculty and staff. There are more than 1,300 deaf and hard-of-hearing students and 1,800 deaf, hard-of-hearing and hearing international students from more than 100 countries.

Doug Giaccone Enfield, Conn.

"As the only deaf person in my high school, I wanted to interact with other deaf students in college because I didn't have that experience growing up. RIT has been a great fit. I've met so many friends like me from all over the country. My program is awesome and I'm getting outstanding access services that I don't think I would get at any other college."

Photo by Mike Bradley '12.

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 companies, 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 firms and other Rochester companies offer you excellent co-op and permanent employment opportunities.
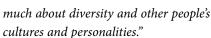
Rochester's numerous festivals, museums, galleries, theaters, restaurants and shopping malls provide something for your every taste and mood. And many area businesses have experience serving deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals. You will find the city and its service providers knowledgeable, friendly 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.

Renishia Williams Killeen, Texas

"I've had amazing experiences at RIT and have learned so much about diversity and other people's cultures and personalities."

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.

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Every year, more than 1,300 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 200 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. Over the past five years, 91 percent of deaf and hard-of-hearing students who have sought jobs after graduation have 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.

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