AN OUTSTANDING INVESTMENT
FOR DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING STUDENTS
RIT is a vibrant learning environment where imagination, creativity and innovation create outstanding academic, social and personal development opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing students that are unmatched by any other university in the world.

Recognized by “U.S. News & World Report” as one of “America’s Best College Values,” and by “The Princeton Review” as one of the top 20 colleges nationwide for “Best Career Services,” RIT is one of the world’s leading career-oriented, technological universities. What really sets us apart, though, is our experience educating deaf and hard-of-hearing students and providing the services that support their success. Every year, more than 15,000 undergraduate students from throughout the United States and other countries—including more than 1,200 who are deaf or hard of hearing—come to take advantage of the benefits of an RIT education and earn a degree that will prepare them to succeed in their careers.

We have many exciting facts to share with you, but there’s one special attribute we’d like you to associate with RIT:

Value.

“We were comfortable sending Brett to RIT because it was the best fit for him. RIT is ranked one of the top colleges in the nation for his major and provides excellent accommodation services as well as the opportunity to interact with hearing, hard-of-hearing and deaf peers. Brett loves RIT, and during his time at RIT he has become assertive, gained confidence in himself, and received the knowledge and skills he can apply to make his legacy in the real world.” — Richard and Barbara Morris, Farmington, Connecticut, parents of RIT/NTID graduate Brett Morris, B.S., game design and development

At RIT, your student will benefit from:

- First-class career education
- Real-world work experience before graduation
- Unparalleled access and support services
- Specialized job search assistance
- Exceptional value and affordability
- A vibrant, connected community
- Outstanding career success
First-Class Career Education

With more than 200 academic programs and multiple degree-level options, RIT offers a range of programs to match your student’s abilities and his or her educational objectives. Your student can study art and design, business, engineering, science and mathematics, liberal arts, photography, hotel management, computer science, information technology and a variety of other cutting-edge career areas offered at RIT.

Bachelor’s Degree Programs
Qualified students can choose from more than 80 programs 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. Students who are unsure which college fits their interests may apply to enter University Studies to explore various bachelor’s degree programs.

Pre-Baccalaureate Programs
If your student is interested in a bachelor’s degree program, but does not fully meet the admission requirements, he or she may qualify for a pre-baccalaureate program. These individualized programs prepare your student to enter a bachelor’s degree program.

Associate+Bachelor’s Degree Programs
Qualified students can choose an Associate+Bachelor’s Degree Program, which offers them a gateway to high-caliber academic programs and unparalleled academic support. Students start on the road to academic success by completing an associate degree that provides a solid foundation and prepares them to enroll and succeed in an RIT bachelor’s degree program.

Career-Focused Associate Degree Programs
Your student can choose a fast track to success by pursuing one of our exciting career-focused associate degree programs designed to prepare graduates for immediate employment in today’s high-tech fields.

Career Exploration Programs
Some students use their first year to select and prepare for a major. During this time, they develop a better understanding of themselves and their career interests through career, academic and personal counseling and the sampling of various majors.
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, deaf and hard-of-hearing students benefit from a private university education at a public university price. 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. Our financial aid staff is here to help your student get all the financial assistance he or she qualifies for. Visit www.rit.edu/NTID/FinAid for additional information.

Real-World Work Experience
Before Graduation
RIT’s cooperative education program offers your student tremendous opportunities to gain valuable experience in his or her field before graduation. A co-op offers your student a taste of the world of work and practical experience to include on his or her 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.

Annual Tuition Comparison
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Note: Tuition rates listed here are for U.S. students only for the 2016-2017 academic year, September to May.

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.

The job search and interview preparation services available to your student also are a major reason behind career success. Last year, students received more than 3,000 hours of employment advising. Your son or daughter also can take advantage of valuable interviewing experience during practice job interviews conducted by faculty, staff and community volunteers. Additional job search assistance includes help with resume and cover letter writing, job application completion and access to a variety of resources that students can use to find employers to contact about possible jobs.

“The many opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing students to shine in academics and in extracurricular activities are what made RIT the perfect college choice for me.”
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.

Deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT alumni are making their mark in a variety of careers at places such as NASA, Microsoft, The Walt Disney Company, BNY Mellon, Merck & Co., the U.S. Department of Defense and many other corporations and organizations across the country.

Numbers Tell the Story
When it comes to helping deaf and hard-of-hearing students graduate and get jobs, there is 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.

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Deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT grad's are ready to succeed
Last year, 94% of students who sought jobs after graduation found one within a year.

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

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.*

*median salary at age 50 compared to average according to a study conducted with the Social Security Administration.
Enthusiastic, Committed Faculty
Our faculty are committed to creating environments that foster learning as well as student development. Faculty members are advisors to student organizations and encourage students to connect classroom learning and experiences with events that happen in daily life outside of class.

Outstanding Access and Support Services
If your student qualifies to take courses in RIT’s 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 him or her with the educational access services he or she needs. Your student can choose from among sign language interpreting services, FM systems, real-time captioning services or notetaking. Alternative services also may be provided. Your student also will have access to a unique array of educational support services, including experienced faculty tutors, personal and career counseling, and academic advising.

If your student takes NTID courses, instructors will communicate directly with him or her 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 material and individual tutoring. If students have concerns about classroom communication in a particular NTID course in which they are enrolled, they 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, your student 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. Your student also will have access to a state-of-the-art learning center staffed by professional and peer tutors. An assigned counselor will work closely with your student to help plan his or her collegiate experience and provide personal, social, career and academic advising and counseling services.

On-Site Communication Services
Your student doesn’t have to leave campus for audiological, speech/language or cochlear implant support. 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 services include hearing tests, hearing aid evaluations and FM system fittings. Students can purchase custom-made ear molds, batteries and hearing aids on campus as well as arrange for hearing aid repairs.

Speech and language services include opportunities to enhance use of spoken English and address individual communication needs and concerns. The Speech & Language Center offers students equipment and software that provide visual feedback for speech production, facilitate speech recognition and conversational practice, and more.

Students with cochlear implants benefit from one-on-one specialized support, including services related to mapping, troubleshooting assistance and listening practice. An on-campus support network of cochlear implant users meets regularly for group discussion and social activities.

Accessible Campus Facilities and Safety Services
With more than 1,200 deaf and hard-of-hearing students in our campus community, 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 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. An emergency notification system is in place for increased campus security.
Vibrant, Connected Community
At RIT, the diversity of the student body is reflected in the variety of activities on campus. There are more than 300 student clubs and organizations, NCAA and intramural sports, student government and an interfaith religious center, all of which offer opportunities for student leadership, recreation and spiritual growth. RIT has a full program of creative arts as well, including theater, art, dance and music. Your student will discover an environment that will help him or her build upon strengths he or she already has, explore new options and come into his or her own as a scholar, a leader and a citizen of the world.

Ambitious, Diverse Students
RIT embraces diversity and inclusivity. Deaf and hard-of-hearing students with all communication preferences attend RIT. Students come from across the United States and many different countries and represent a diverse range of ethnic, geographic and socioeconomic backgrounds.

The City and Beyond
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 malls have experience serving deaf and hard-of-hearing people.

Where Are Our Students From?

We also have deaf and hard-of-hearing students currently enrolled from Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, China, Fiji, Ghana, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Jamaica, Jordan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela.
RIT Fast Facts

- An affordable choice for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, who, because of the special federal support RIT receives, pay less than one-half of RIT’s regular tuition.
- Known worldwide for its superior cooperative work experience programs, which give students practical on-the-job experience before they graduate.
- At age 50, deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT graduates with a bachelor’s degree or an associate degree earn 178% and 95% more, respectively, than deaf and hard-of-hearing students who graduate from other postsecondary institutions around the country.
- One of the most accessible colleges in the world.
- More than 200 exciting and challenging programs of study.
- Extensive financial aid program offers scholarships, grants, and loans. State Vocational Rehabilitation support also may be available.
- National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III sports with Division I Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey.
- More than 300 student clubs and organizations.
- More than 8,000 deaf and hard-of-hearing graduates, including engineers, scientists, technicians, doctors, health and human services professionals, teachers and members of many other professions.
- Located in Rochester, N.Y., which has one of the largest populations of deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals in the United States.

Seeing is Believing
The best way to learn more about RIT is to visit. We invite you and your son or daughter to see all that we have to offer. Take advantage of one of our open house events where you can tour the campus and see academic programs in action.

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

If you can’t attend one of the open houses, we would be glad to schedule a personal visit with tours, an individualized itinerary and interviews with faculty and staff.

For more information or to arrange a visit:
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Parents’ weekend, open houses, newsletters and communication via the Internet all help keep you aware of what’s happening on campus. Find out more at www.rit.edu/NTID/parents.