Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
WE’re in Motion
A Pre-Orientation Experience for the College of Engineering women students

Am I required to attend the WE’re in Motion Program?
No, but we strongly encourage you to participate. This is an important program for women engineering students to give you an edge on confidence and prepare you for success during your first year at college as an engineering student. You will have the opportunity to meet and build relationships with other like-minded women, receive hands-on engineering experiences, meet professors, move-in early over the weekend, develop student-mentor relationships, and have fun!

What does the $175 program registration cost cover? ($150 Pre-registration)
This nominal cost covers a portion of the direct costs of the event’s early dorm move-in, meals, hands-on engineering lab sessions, social activities, T-shirt, water bottle, upper-class mentors and more. Kate Gleason College of Engineering subsidizes the remaining costs associated with hosting this event.

What are the hands-on engineering experiences like? How many are there?
A detailed lab description document will be available on our website. Each lab is a unique, hands-on experience meant to give the student experience and exposure to the various engineering disciplines, along with an introduction to various professors within KGCOE. There is a choice of 9-12 different labs for you to choose. You will have the opportunity to participate in 4 sessions. The schedule indicates what labs are available during what session.

What does the schedule look like for the WE’re in Motion Program?
Please see the sample schedule document on the WE@RIT website. It includes meals, activities and events.

How is the early move-in a benefit to me?
You will have a special move in on Saturday! WE@RIT mentors and staff will be available to help you move in. You WILL BE MOVING IN TO YOUR FULL YEAR ASSIGNMENT! Carts are available to assist. This is in advance of most of the other freshman and all the returning students. It will be much less chaotic; you will have extra time to set up your room and get to know your roommate (if they are also part of a Pre-Orientation program)! Your parents can get you moved in on the weekend rather than mid-week, which may be more convenient based on work schedules. You get this extra time to get to know campus better and meet other students.

Can I be part of the WE’re in Motion program if I am a Commuter to RIT?
Yes, you can enroll in this program and be engaged in all the activities. We want you to be part of the community and meet the professors and your fellow students. The fee will be the same.

Can I be part of the WE’re in Motion program AND participate in one of RIT’s DiscoveRIT Pre-Orientation programs?
No. These are independently run programs. It is not possible to participate in both.

If I am also part of the Honors Program, how do I coordinate with the WE@RIT Program?
RIT Honors also coordinates a Pre-Orientation program. Students have been able to attend elements of each program successfully. Each of the programs is intended to be informational, student friendly and assist with helping you be part of a community.
If you want to participate in both programs, it will be up to you to coordinate between the two events. However, we recommend that you attend: “meet your mentor” session on Saturday, the Honors Engineering Session on Monday and the Honors Brunch Information Session on Tuesday.
For WE’re in Motion we recommend: “meet your mentor” and the address from the Dean of KGCOE on Saturday, the Engineering labs on Monday, and a Tuesday morning quick survey.
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Please let us know if you should have any questions regarding this. We are happy to assist with your planning.

I am also on-campus early due to Sports team commitments – can I participate in WE’re in Motion?  
Attendance at all WE’re in Motion activities is not mandatory. You will want to try to attend the engineering lab experiences and as many program activities as possible. The schedule is integrated with informational sessions, social, and team building to help build a sense of community within the College of Engineering. But please coordinate with your coach to establish what time frames you will be available and therefore figure out which program activities you can attend. It will be up to the student athlete to coordinate between the two events. We are happy to assist with your planning efforts - please let us know if you should have any questions regarding this.

How are the mentors involved?  
You will be assigned to an upper-class engineering student mentor for special group functions. They will be your connection during this program and into the school year. All mentors will be in attendance to assist at all program events, will do personalized visits to your room and will run various group activities throughout the event. You will have an opportunity to meet all the mentors throughout the WE’re in Motion program.

Do I also attend the RIT New Student Orientation if I participate in this program?  
Yes, all incoming freshman students are REQUIRED to attend the RIT New Student Orientation.

How is this different from the RIT New Student Orientation?  
This program is a specific and unique program only for new KGCOE women engineering students (includes freshmen and transfer students). Current women engineering students will be the program mentors. The program involves a relatively small group, the activities will build your confidence, and some activities are engineering specific, skill based, or team based. Great food and fun! Program activities and agenda are unique and different from the RIT New Student Orientation program.

What if I register but then have a change in plans, is there any refund?  
WE@RIT will refund up to 30 days before the start of the program less a $50 processing fee.

What is the Schedule for Parents?  
See the Parent Schedule on Website for further details. Parents will assist with move-in during the day on Saturday, beginning at 9am through 3:00pm. Parents can schedule dinner with their daughters after move-in. Parents are encouraged to attend a Parent Orientation Session on Saturday. Parents can re-group with their daughters to finish setting up their room, etc. There are no scheduled parent programs on Sunday, so parents can make plans to return home! The students will have a full schedule beginning Sunday lunch through the evening and continue through Tuesday morning. Parents: Make sure to come back for Brick City Homecoming and Family Weekend – a student, Parent & Family Weekend in October.

How do I get my Student ID card?  
The Registrar’s Office will be open during Move in on Saturday, from 9am-4pm. You must bring a form of picture ID to receive your RIT ID such as: driver’s license, learner’s permit, HS ID, or passport.

Do I need extra money?  
Please bring extra spending money for your personal needs. Your student accounts will not be set up until the RIT New Student Orientation begins.