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 1,100 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.

"RIT was a super fit for Kyle, and he benefitted in so many ways. He thrived in a technical, scientific setting that matched his desire to learn and be challenged. At the same time, being part of a large deaf community provided the perfect balance to be a happy individual. Over the years, Kyle’s confidence and independence grew in leaps and bounds. The combination of a quality education, co-op experiences and a fulfilling social life made sending Kyle to RIT a smart choice."

— Steve and Joanne Murbach, Franklin, Tennessee, parents of RIT/NTID graduate Kyle Murbach, B.S./M.S., computing security

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
- An active, 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 90 programs in the College of Art and Design, Saunders College of Business, B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, Kate Gleason College of Engineering, College of Engineering Technology, College of Health Sciences and Technology, College of Liberal Arts and College of Science. Students who are unsure which college fits their interests may apply to enter University Exploration 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.

“I found my sense of identity at RIT and have had so many opportunities that I never would have had at a different university. I was accepted into the NYS Assembly Internship Program where I got the opportunity to work as a legislative intern and assist with a variety of administrative tasks. I attended meetings with lobbyists and constituents, conducted research to remain informed about current legislative issues, and drafted constituent letters. This experience, along with opportunities to take part in student government, Greek life, new student orientation and other clubs and organizations, made my time at RIT a rewarding experience that I will always cherish.”

— Valerie Horn, Cortland, New York
B.S., public policy

“RIT has been wonderful for Paula. She has benefited from the variety of accessible programs, tutors, and everything you can imagine for being totally included in college life. Paula has become so involved in college clubs, sports and organizations. She thoroughly enjoys being part of such a large and diverse Deaf community. This school has given her so much confidence that being deaf will not hold her back from pursuing her dreams.”

— Brian and Judy MacDonald, Ottawa, Ontario, parents of RIT/NTID graduate Paula MacDonald, AAS, computer-aided drafting technology
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 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. The average financial aid per domestic student in FY2016 is $14,715, not including loans. 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.

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. Each year, students receive thousands of 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.

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 with employers such as GE Power and Gas, Microsoft, Google, BNY Mellon, NASA, 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.†

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

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

Deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT graduates are competitive in the marketplace
According to a study conducted with the Social Security Administration, deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT graduates had higher career earnings than their deaf and hard-of-hearing peers who attended other postsecondary institutions.

Median Salary at Age 50*

Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Graduates (Bachelor's)
178% more

Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Graduates (Associate)
95% more

Average Salary

†44% of deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT/NTID students from the incoming classes of 2010-2012 earned a degree. Of deaf and hard-of-hearing students who considered RIT, but chose to enroll at other mainstream postsecondary institutions in the same time period, only 26% earned a degree.
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 Art and Design, Saunders College of Business, B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, Kate Gleason College of Engineering, College of Engineering Technology, College of Health Sciences and Technology, 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. In cases where a faculty member’s communication strategies do not appropriately meet your student’s needs, your student can request access services from the Department of Access Services for courses at NTID via the myaccess.rit.edu website. 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.

Audiology and Speech/Language Services
Your student doesn’t have to leave campus for audiological and speech/language services. The Communication Studies and Services Department provides services and excellent collaborative educational programs through which your student can broaden and/or strengthen his or her communication competencies. Services are offered on both an appointment and walk-in basis, depending on availability. RIT/NTID audiologists and speech-language pathologists are certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and are specifically trained to work with deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals.

Audiology
The Audiology Center offers a variety of free services, including hearing tests, consultations, FM/Roger loans, speechreading and/or listening training, hearing aid and cochlear implant adjustments, troubleshooting, repairs and upgrades. An additional advantage is discounted pricing for new hearing aids and accessories. Your student also can purchase batteries, custom sound/swim plugs and earmolds and other supplies.

Speech/Language
The Speech & Language Center offers individualized services and can focus on a variety of areas such as speech intelligibility, grammar and technical/professional vocabulary and practice, communication strategies for work-related interactions/job interviews, presentation skill development and practice, and use of current mobile applications as communication tools. The Speech & Language Center offers equipment and software that provides visual feedback for production and facilitates conversational practice.

Accessible Campus Facilities and Safety Services
With more than 1,100 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 modes 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 stores 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 Brazil, Canada, China, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Rwanda, Sweden, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Venezuela and Vietnam.
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 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 29, 2018 Wednesday, December 7, 2018
Monday, October 8, 2018 Friday, April 19, 2019
Saturday, November 10, 2018 Friday, April 26, 2019

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.

Go online: rit.edu/ntid/visit.

For more information or to arrange a visit:
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RIT does not discriminate. RIT promotes and values diversity within its workforce and provides equal opportunity to all qualified individuals regardless of race, color, creed, age, marital status, sex, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, veteran status or disability.

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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.