



RIT | National Technical
Institute for the Deaf

Better opportunities. Bigger impact.

An overview for deaf and hard-of-hearing students



Join our community

of scientists, artists, innovators, athletes, problem solvers, performers, researchers, creators, filmmakers, doers, and makers.

Amazing awaits

We provide the future-focused degree programs, real-world career experiences, vibrant campus life, and unparalleled communication access services and support. **You bring you.** We are creating the most powerful, successful network of deaf and hard-of-hearing professionals in the world. Join us and help move the world forward.

Excellence acknowledged

Our reputation as one of the world's top universities has been acknowledged by many leading college guides, industry, and internationally respected publications. As you search for the right university, consider what others have to say about RIT.

#91

#91 National Universities

Ranked among the **top 100 of national universities** 2025

#41

#41 Best Value

Cited for **best value** among national research universities 2025

#6

#6 Top School for Co-op or Internship Programs in **hands-on career preparation** 2025

Learn more about RIT rankings at rit.edu/rankings-and-recognition



AstroDance II: Across the Universe is a multimedia experiential production exploring concepts of basic astrophysics, gravitational waves and the interactions between objects and space through a series of vignettes in dance, American Sign Language, music, and digital storytelling.

Find your fit

Be who you are and explore
who you want to be.

Students with unique identities, experiences, and perspectives come together at RIT to collaborate, create, innovate, and thrive. This community will welcome, support, and celebrate you. Deaf and hard-of-hearing students who attend RIT come from across the United States and abroad and use various communications modes. They make meaningful connections and find a sense of belonging from the minute they step on campus.

At RIT, you'll find other students like you, and you'll discover more about yourself than you ever knew.



rit.edu/ntid/fit



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There is no better place than RIT to find a large number of deaf and hard-of-hearing students working towards a shared goal of making the world a better place. I thrive here!”

EMMA KANE

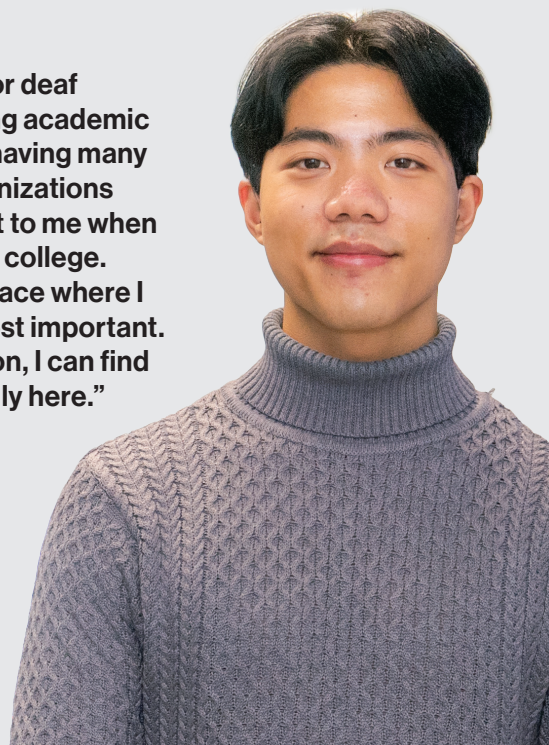
Public Policy
Rochester, New York

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Accessibility for deaf students, strong academic rankings, and having many clubs and organizations were important to me when searching for a college. But finding a place where I belong was most important. As a deaf person, I can find my groups easily here.”

SAM SIT

Computing and
Information
Technologies
Quincy,
Massachusetts



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The opportunity to immerse myself for the first time in a Deaf community and get the access services I need to be successful in my major strongly influenced my decision to apply to RIT. I love the sense of community here and shared understanding, no matter your background or how you communicate.”

CECE GALLAGHER

Biomedical Sciences
Inwood, West Virginia



Access your future.

RIT is one of only six universities in the nation that has been named a Microsoft Accessible University for its endeavor to improve upon and provide cutting-edge accessibility solutions.

Access services and support

RIT provides access services and support to meet the needs of deaf and hard-of-hearing students enrolled in all nine RIT colleges and two degree granting units. Services also are provided for non-academic events and activities throughout the RIT community. With the largest staff of professional interpreters and real-time captionists of any college program in the world, RIT is the world's most accessible university.

- Sign language interpreting
- Real-time captioning
- Classroom notetaking services
- Captioned classroom video material
- FM/Roger systems

Alternative services also may be provided. Students have access to educational support services such as tutoring, personal and career counseling, and academic advising with professionals who are skilled at working with deaf and hard-of-hearing students of all communication modes.

rit.edu/ntid/access

Audiology and speech/language services

You don't have to leave RIT's campus for comprehensive audiological and speech/language services. In-house 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.

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American Sign Language

RIT also offers introductory American Sign Language classes for deaf and hard-of-hearing students who are interested in learning ASL as well as courses for students who use ASL and want to expand their skills.



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The resources I found here for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, including access to interpreters, captionists, and assistive technology, and the support services such as tutoring and advising services, counseling services, and peer mentoring programs specifically for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, have truly benefited me.”

ADAM HSU

Laboratory Science Technology/
Applied Arts and Sciences
Oakland, California



In-house interpreters

130+



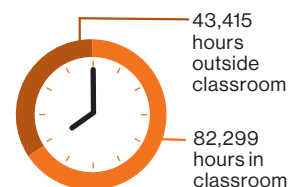
Real-time captionists

60+



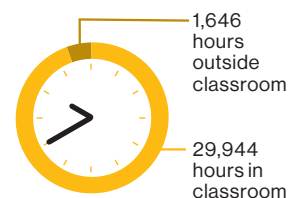
Trained notetakers

500+



Interpreting hours

132k+



Captioning hours

26k+

From here to any- where

No matter what you're planning next, you can hit the ground running with an RIT degree. And if you're unsure about what you'd like to study, we'll work with you to discover your passions and unleash your potential.

Jump-start your career

Gain leadership experience, global awareness, and marketable skills

Hands-on learning

Cooperative work experiences or internships that provide paid, full-time work that directly relates to your major

Undergraduate research

Investigate and explore topics of your choosing with dynamic faculty researchers

Study abroad

More than 600 international experiences and global campuses in China, Croatia, Dubai, and Kosovo provide unique opportunities to extend your education

Minors

More than 100 minors to complement your major, including American Sign Language and Deaf cultural studies, community development and inclusive leadership, AI in society, theatre arts, entrepreneurship, and more

Individual career guidance

Employment specialists in the NTID Co-op and Career Center work exclusively with deaf and hard-of-hearing students and will work with you throughout your time at RIT

- Employment advising and assisting with job search preparation
- Networking with employers across the country to develop opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing students and graduates
- Campus-wide career fairs annually, including one specifically to recruit deaf and hard-of-hearing students for co-ops and permanent jobs



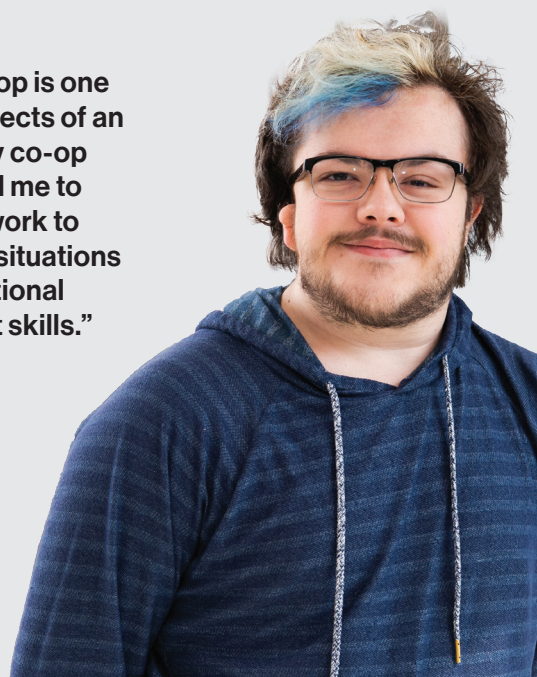
Completing a co-op is one of my favorite aspects of an RIT education. My co-op at Google allowed me to apply my coursework to real professional situations and develop additional technical and soft skills.”



MATTHEW SIMONI

Computer Science,
BS/MS

Joppa, Maryland



The LST program at RIT stands out for its hands-on learning with lab equipment and instrumentation. By the time I started my co-op, I was proficient with the necessary software and instruments, thanks to the program’s comprehensive training. Besides gaining extensive lab experience, I also developed my own research project on synthesizing and isolating a seizure medication.”

TALAYEH DELIS

Laboratory Science
Technology

Queens, New York



An investment that pays.

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

Several employer partners that have hired RIT/NTID students and graduates

- BNY Mellon
- Caterpillar, Inc.
- Defense Finance and Accounting Service
- Dow Chemical Company
- General Electric
- Google
- IBM
- Lockheed Martin
- Merck
- Microsoft
- Monroe County Medical Examiner's Office
- NASA
- National Institutes of Health
- Naval Supply Systems Command
- Solar Turbines
- Tesla Motors
- Texas Instruments
- Toyota
- Tufts University
- U.S. Department of Defense
- Whirlpool
- Yahoo!

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



Business and industry

78%



Education and non-profit

13%



Government

9%

Deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT grads are in demand

95%

of students who seek jobs after graduation find one within a year.



10k+

deaf and hard-of-hearing
RIT/NTID alumni working
around the world

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Accessibility should be at the forefront of entrepreneurs' minds when developing their businesses. This belief pushed me to co-found Zestability, a consultation firm that advocates for prioritizing accessibility and inclusive business practices. My time at RIT helped me realize that I could use my skills and experiences to make a difference.”

VALERIE HORN, '19

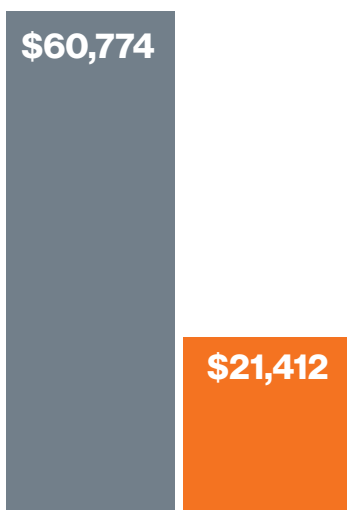
Public Policy/Science, Technology,
and Public Policy

Boston, Massachusetts

Exceptional value

Because RIT receives federal support, students who are deaf or hard of hearing pay less than one-half of RIT's regular tuition rate.

2025-2026 Tuition comparison



RIT tuition

RIT tuition for deaf and hard-of-hearing students enrolled in any undergraduate program in all nine RIT colleges (Domestic students only)

Financial aid options

In addition to the tuition reduction, you'll have a full array of financial aid options to help you cover the cost of your education, including:

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Loans
- State-based Vocational Rehabilitation support
- Supplemental Security Income assistance

rit.edu/ntid/affordableexcellence

By the numbers

\$23k

Average financial aid per domestic deaf or hard-of-hearing student

93%

Undergraduate deaf and hard-of-hearing students receiving financial aid

\$26.3M

In financial assistance last year from all sources for deaf and hard-of-hearing students



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I choose RIT because of the reduced tuition and the competitive financial award I received, its niche in mechatronics engineering technology, and its focus on STEM. It was a great decision, both financially and academically.”

MAX GONZAGA

Mechatronics Engineering
Technology

Pleasantville, New York

Diverse interests. One community.

At RIT, we serve more than 19,000 students, including 1,100 students from all across the nation and the world who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Here, you can explore your passions and hobbies alongside your deaf, hard-of-hearing, and hearing peers.

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Get involved



Courses in health and wellness, recreation, nutrition, and dance

200+



Clubs and organizations

300



Competitive and non-competitive intramural sports

50+



NCAA Division I and III athletic teams

24

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As president of the RIT Beekeeping Club, I help oversee three hives and some 60,000 bees on campus. I also am a teacher for No Voice Zone to teach my peers American Sign Language, co-teach lessons for the Latin Rhythm Dance club, serve as a resident advisor, and completed a semester study abroad in Santiago, Chile.”

ELLIE WARREN

Biomedical Sciences
and Spanish
Columbus, Ohio





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Schedule your visit

Meet our brilliant faculty and take a deeper dive into our academic programs, and vibrant campus life. **Experience the extraordinary at RIT.**



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