

Better opportunities.

Bigger impact.



RIT

An overview for deaf and hard-of-hearing students

Join our
community of...

scientists

artists

innovators

athletes

problem solvers

performers

researchers

creators

filmmakers

doers

makers

**Coming to RIT is
about getting access
to opportunities
and people who will
support you and
challenge you to
be your best.**

**It's about getting experiences
that will shape you and take
you where you want to go.**

**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.**



Find your fit.

Connect with other students like you.

Diversity at RIT is about students, faculty, and staff with unique identities, experiences, and perspectives coming together to collaborate, create, innovate, and thrive.

Here you can be who you are and explore who you want to be. This community will welcome, support, and celebrate you. Deaf and hard-of-hearing students make

meaningful connections with classmates, faculty, and staff 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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RIT caters to both my general needs and my specific needs as a deaf student. All campus activities are inclusive, and it's incredibly easy to develop as a person here. I found my identity at RIT, and I have done things I had never imagined were possible.

BOBBY MOAKLEY

Environmental Science/Science,
Technology & Public Policy
Boston, Massachusetts
RIT Student Government
President, 2019-2020





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At RIT, I'm surrounded by many other people just like me. I love that there is such a diverse group of deaf and hard-of-hearing people here. This university is so much more than a campus. It's a community that I truly feel a part of.

VICKY MOREL

Applied Liberal Studies/Criminal Justice
Cornwall, New York



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I decided to travel across the country to RIT because it offered the right resources to help me be successful. I like the mainstream environment. I get access to full communication, I'm involved in many different clubs and organizations, and I feel comfortable here.

NELSON PALACIOS

3D Graphics Technology
Hayward, California



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RIT bridges the gap between the deaf and hearing worlds, so I can grow in both, and it challenges me to step out of my comfort zone and try new things.

MICHAELA MULLIN

Computer Aided Drafting Technology
Alameda, California



From here to anywhere.

No matter what you're planning next, you can hit the ground running with an RIT degree. Pursue the degree program that suits you best. 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

You can engage in internships, undergraduate research, study abroad, service learning, and more to gain leadership experience, global awareness, and marketable skills that set you apart in your career or graduate study.

With RIT's cooperative work experience program, you'll apply what you're learning in the classroom

to a real-world job before you graduate. Your co-op can offer you paid professional experience and is a great way to develop connections and relationships that can help advance your career, add depth to your resume, and make you more marketable.

RIT's co-op partners include Apple, Boeing, Google, Microsoft, and many other Fortune 500 businesses.

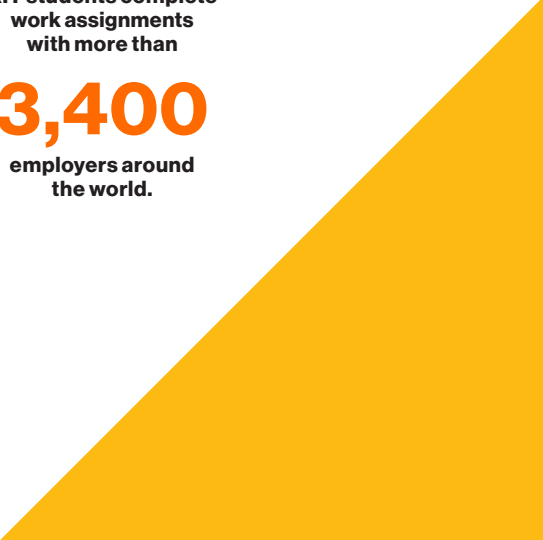
Each year, more than

4,500

**RIT students complete
work assignments
with more than**

3,400

**employers around
the world.**

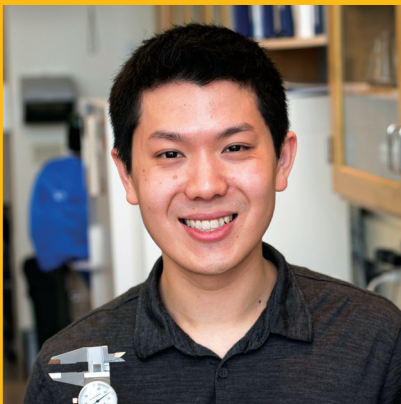




Individual Career Guidance

Employment specialists in the NTID Center on Employment will work with you throughout your time at RIT. Services include employment advising and assisting with job search preparation.

NCE staff network with employers across the country to develop opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing students and graduates. Two campus-wide career fairs are held annually, including one specifically to recruit deaf and hard-of-hearing students for co-ops and permanent jobs.



Finding a mentor while mastering microbes

RIT/NTID student Samuel Lum and his faculty mentor, Robert Osgood, share a passion for research. Lum's background in mechanical engineering technology and Osgood's microbiology expertise in studying biofilms were the perfect multidisciplinary approach

that led to identifying the genes most likely responsible for hospital-associated catheter infections. Their working relationship and involvement in different research projects at RIT set Lum on his career path.

Hit the ground running



Abraham Glasser credits his co-op experiences at Microsoft and NASA for helping him determine that he didn't want a typical 9-to-5 job. Instead, he realized that a career developing accessible technologies for deaf and hard-of-hearing people would fulfill a passion for research. His participation in the National Science Foundation-funded Research Experience for Undergraduates helped him home in on his passion. Glasser earned the 2018-2019 Outstanding Graduate Award in the bachelor's degree category and is continuing his education in RIT's computing and information sciences doctoral degree program.



Nicole Pannullo, a biochemistry major, is the first hard-of-hearing RIT student to be named a Barry Goldwater Scholar. It is the highest undergraduate award of its kind in the natural sciences, math, and engineering fields. As an undergraduate research fellow at the National Eye Institute, she learned how to think independently as a researcher and gain the confidence in both her technical and intellectual skills. Her career goal is to pursue a Ph.D. and run her own lab in the future.



Joan "Jo" Bempong is thankful she transferred to RIT, and credits her three co-ops as well as access to deaf-oriented researchers and mentors for becoming the person she is today—a leader, entrepreneur, and researcher. Texas Instruments was so impressed with this computer engineering student's skills during her co-op that the company permanently hired her after she graduated.

when you graduate.



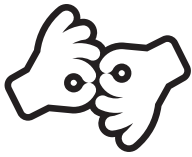
Christopher Caulfield, a web and mobile computing graduate, began his career at Microsoft AI in Seattle as a program manager in the Cloud & Artificial Intelligence Division. Caulfield credits his success to the RIT community that continuously encouraged him to push his goals. "RIT had the overall package...academic support, accommodations, vibrant social atmosphere, and research opportunities, so I could develop a strong foundation for success."



Miko Arayata traveled more than 8,000 miles from home to get a degree from a college that specializes in working with deaf students. As a design and imaging technology major, he did a co-op where he worked as a multimedia designer, photographer, and videographer. The courses in his major applied directly to the work he did, and his co-op helped him build a strong portfolio of original work that is sure to help him land a job upon graduation. Coming to RIT has given Arayata the opportunity to return home with a degree he wanted and the skills necessary to pursue a successful career in graphic design.



Sara Blick-Nitko earned an associate degree in laboratory science technology and a bachelor's degree in biomedical sciences. She also completed three co-ops at an environmental science laboratory. Blick-Nitko decided to further her education in the science field, and enrolled in RIT's Bridges to the Doctorate program to gain additional research experience and take advanced scientific courses. She recently graduated with a master's degree in interdisciplinary/professional studies with a focus on biology, health systems administration, and bioinformatics. She now is pursuing a Ph.D. program in pathology at the University of Rochester.



135

in-house interpreters



47

real-time captionists



400

trained notetakers

35,664
hours
outside
classroom



82,576
hours in
classroom

118,000+

interpreting hours

1,355
hours
outside
classroom



20,501
hours in
classroom

21,000+

captioning hours

Access your future.

Access Services and Support

RIT provides one of the most accessible education communities in the world for deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

If you take courses at NTID, faculty members will communicate directly with you 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 materials
- individual tutoring

In cases where a faculty member's communication strategies do not appropriately meet your needs, you can request access services from the Department of Access Services.

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.

If you take courses in the other eight colleges of RIT, you can request access services and can choose from among:

- sign language interpreting
- FM systems
- real-time captioning services
- notetaking

You also will have access to a unique system of educational support services such as tutoring by experienced faculty tutors, personal and career counseling, and academic advising.

rit.edu/ntid/access



Audiology and Speech/ Language Services

You don't have to leave campus for audiological and speech/language services. RIT/NTID 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.

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. You 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
- 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.

rit.edu/ntid/css

An investment that pays.

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

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



Business and Industry

77%



Education and Non-Profit

16%



Government

7%

Each year, on average, more than

180

deaf and hard-of-hearing students complete cooperative work assignments with employers throughout the country.

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

95%

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

Selected national and international companies 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!

Higher career earnings

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*

*Median salary at age 50 according to a study conducted with the Social Security Administration.

178%
more

95%
more

Average
Salary

Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing RIT Graduates
(Bachelor's)

Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing RIT Graduates
(Associate)

Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Graduates of
Other Postsecondary Institutions

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.[†]

[†] 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 28% earned a degree.

9,500+
deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT alumni

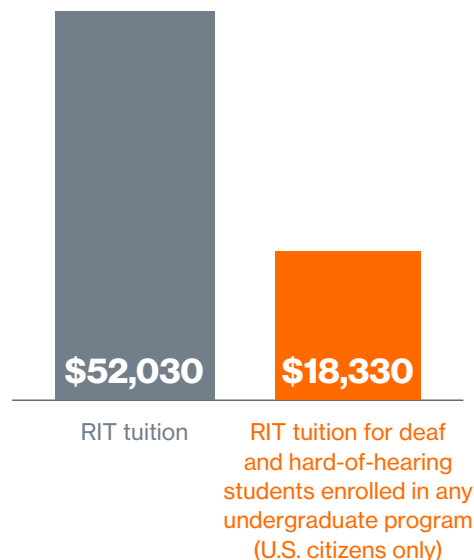
Exceptional value

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

In addition to the tuition reduction, you'll have a full array of financial aid options to help you cover the cost of education, including scholarships, grants, loans, state-based Vocational Rehabilitation support, and Supplemental Security Income assistance.

rit.edu/ntid/affordableexcellence

2021-2022
Tuition Comparison



By the numbers

\$19,429

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

90%

of undergraduate deaf and hard-of-hearing students receive financial aid

\$20.8m

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



Don't just take our word for it.

Each year, RIT is recognized by several external guides and rankings for its value and affordability.

- U.S. News & World Report: Ranked 33rd among **"Best Value Schools (2021)."**
- Princeton Review: Named among **"Best Value Colleges for 2021."** Only just over 1 percent of four-year colleges qualify for the annual list.
- Money Magazine: Named among **"The 50 Colleges that Add the Most Value."**

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To really experience what RIT is like, come for a visit.

Schedule Your Visit

Take a deeper dive into our academic programs, vibrant campus life, inclusive community, and brilliant faculty.

**Experience the extraordinary
that RIT offers.**

rit.edu/ntid/visit

Ready to apply?

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