

Architectural and Civil Drafting Technology

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Program Overview for Employers

The Architectural and Civil Drafting Technology program (formerly the Computer Aided Drafting Technology program) for deaf and hard-of-hearing students at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) prepares graduates to be well qualified for careers in the architectural, civil engineering and construction industries. **Graduates of this program are highly trained technicians who perform detailed technical work in support of architects and engineers. Builders and their associated contractors, facility managers, material suppliers and fabricators hire technicians as well.**

Degrees Awarded

- Associate in Applied Science (AAS)
- Associate in Occupational Studies (AOS)

Cooperative Education (Co-op) Component Required

Students are required to complete one 10-week co-op experience.

Equipment and Facilities

Students learn in laboratories equipped with industry standard hardware and software linked to a large campus network. These laboratories are among the best-equipped technical college laboratories in the country, providing students with state-of-the-art learning experiences. High-tech, heavy-duty hardware includes i7-4790 @ 3.6GHz CPUs with 16 Gb RAM. Images are sent to Canon laser plotters, HP inkjet plotters and HP color laser printers. 3-D models are also created using an Epilog Laser Engraver and a Dimension 3-D Printer.

Student Skills and Capabilities – Preparation for a Career

Students acquire a background in Building Information Modeling (BIM), two-dimensional drafting, construction materials and methods, structural systems, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, sustainability, and the use of the Internet for the communication of engineering documentation.

Selected Software Used to Develop Technical Skills

The program uses the current versions of career-specific software:

- Autodesk Revit
- Autodesk AutoCAD
- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe Photoshop
- Google SketchUp
- Microsoft Office

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Selected Technical Courses Leading to an Associate Degree

- Advanced Construction CAD
- Civil Technology Graphics
- Computing Tools in Engineering Technology
- Construction CAD I, II, III
- Construction Materials & Methods I, II
- Data Collection & Analysis
- Engineering Graphics in AEC
- Energy Modeling for Sustainable Construction
- MEP Systems
- Presentation Graphics
- Principles of Structural Systems

The following employers throughout the country have hired Architectural and Civil Drafting Technology students and graduates:

- City of Rochester
- Cromwell Architects Engineers
- Gallaudet University
- Ingalls Shipbuilding
- Northeast Collaborative Architects
- NYS Department of Transportation
- Stellar Design Build
- Trieste Construction Corporation
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Will Architects

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