Bachelor–Level Liberal Arts Programs

College of Liberal Arts
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Program Overview for Employers

Deaf and hard-of-hearing students enrolled in Rochester Institute of Technology’s College of Liberal Arts study liberal arts subjects within the framework of a technological university. Students participate in a rigorous program designed to prepare them for working in an increasingly interconnected and complex world. Interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary collaboration with RIT’s other colleges allows students to select majors from programs that improve society, protect the biosphere, encourage good citizenship, and prepare students for a variety of careers and advanced degrees. They graduate with the skills to find their place in a rapidly changing technological and multicultural world. Graduates work in all sectors of the economy, including business and industry, government, education and non-profit agencies. Some of the jobs they are prepared to work in are:

- Communications professionals
- Counselors
- Journalists/writers/editors
- Legal assistants
- Marketing and advertising professionals
- Museum/archive curators
- Policy analysts
- Political aides
- Public relations specialists
- Researchers

Cooperative Education (Co-op) Component

Students work in cooperative work assignments in nearly every type of setting across the country and around the world. Co-op employment enables students to put their skills and knowledge to work in a job related to their field while still in college, helping to prepare them for the world of work and their career after graduation. Co-ops are optional for some students in the College of Liberal Arts, but a large number choose to participate to get valuable experience working in the real world before graduation.

Deaf and hard-of-hearing students can enroll in these liberal arts programs:

- Advertising and Public Relations
- Communication
- Criminal Justice
- Digital Humanities and Social Sciences
- Economics
- International and Global Studies
- Journalism
- Museum Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Sociology and Anthropology

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The NTID Co-op and Career Center helps deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT/NTID students and graduates with their job search and provides employers with well-trained, highly qualified deaf and hard-of-hearing employees. NCCC offers guidance to employers on integrating deaf and hard-of-hearing employees into the workforce.

The following are employers who have partnered with the NTID Co-op and Career Center in a variety of ways, including hiring deaf and hard-of-hearing students and graduates:

- American School for the Deaf
- Center for Disability Rights
- Datto, Inc.
- Genesee Country Village and Museum
- National Association of the Deaf
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Nellis Air Force Base
- REDCOM Laboratories, Inc.
- Rochester Regional Health System
- Rochester School for the Deaf
- The Learning Center for the Deaf
- The National Museum of Ireland

RIT/NTID co-op students, graduates and alumni provide employers with highly trained, highly motivated employees with excellent skills. We appreciate your interest in our co-op students and graduates and will work with you through the recruiting process to help you hire the right employee. Access further information and services on our website at rit.edu/ntid/nccc.

If this is your organization’s first time hiring a deaf or hard-of-hearing employee, please take the opportunity to consult with the NTID Co-op and Career for strategies on communicating with and fostering integration of a deaf or hard-of-hearing employee in your workplace:

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The National Technical Institute for the Deaf is the first and largest technological college in the world for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. RIT is internationally recognized for academic leadership in computing, engineering, imaging technology, sustainability, and fine and applied arts. RIT offers more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, and its cooperative education program is one of the oldest and largest in the nation. Deaf and hard-of-hearing students come from all over the United States and around the world to take advantage of the opportunities available to them at RIT/NTID.