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The following information is provided to assist RIT/NTID deaf and hard-of-hearing U.S. undergraduate students with financial planning for the 2025-2026 academic year. A list of support services also is included.

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I. Cost of Attendance
(Domestic Undergraduate Students)
2025-2026

	Summer Vestibule Program/Orientation (new Deaf/Hard of Hearing students)	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Tuition		\$10,706	\$10,706
Room		4,850	4,850
Board (Standard Meal Plan)		3,525	3,525
Student Fees ¹		515	515
Freshman Orientation Fee	\$405		
Summer Vestibule Program	\$1,500		
Optional Accident & Sickness Insurance Premium ²		3,127	
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	\$1,905	\$22,723	\$19,596

¹The student fees are required of all full-time students and include Student Health Fee (\$300/semester) and Student Activities Fee (\$215/semester).

²The optional health insurance is estimated.

The standard academic year includes the Fall and Spring Semesters.

Students on co-op are not charged tuition or fees for that particular semester and will only be charged room and board if they live on campus while they work.

Please note: There is no additional cost for access services (interpreting, real-time captioning, and notetaking).

II. Summer Vestibule Program & RIT Orientation

All deaf and hard-of-hearing freshman and transfer students are required to attend orientation programs. The orientation program requirements and costs vary, based on the degree program students are entering, as outlined below.

- Students entering associate degree programs, associate + bachelor, pre-baccalaureate or Career Exploration programs in the College of NTID are required to participate in NTID's orientation, Summer Vestibule Program (SVP) as well as some of RIT's Orientation program. The SVP program runs August 14 – August 23, 2025. Move-in is on August 14th and details will be sent to the student's RIT email account. More information is available by visiting rit.edu/ntid/svp.
- Students entering into a bachelor's program are required to attend RIT's orientation, New Student Orientation (NSO). The program runs August 19 - August 24, 2025. Move in will take place August 17th and 18th. More information is available at rit.edu/orientation.

RIT Orientation cost for all students will be \$405.

SVP Orientation cost for associate level students will be \$1,500.

Dates for the 2026-2027 academic year will be determined in the spring of 2026.

III. Optional Summer Programs: Summer Transition Program & New Signers Program

Students **cannot sign up for both** of the following programs. If interested, they need to choose one or the other.

- The Summer Transition Program (STP) is a six-week program that is geared towards supporting the transition of our associate level students from high school to college.

STP students will focus on developing their academic skills, enhancing their college readiness skills, meeting key RIT/NTID faculty and staff, getting to know the RIT campus and Rochester community, as well as meeting new friends.

This on-campus, in-person program runs July 7 - August 14, 2025 (Move-in July 6th). More information can be found at rit.edu/ntid/stp.

- New Signers Program (NSP) is a four-credit, three-week immersion program offered to newly accepted deaf and hard-of-hearing students who have little or no prior skills in American Sign Language.

NSP students will be introduced to basic sign skills, Deaf culture and deaf awareness.

NSP is held July 28 - August 13, 2025. The program will be delivered virtually online from July 28 - August 1, 2025, move is August 3rd and then resume in person August 4 – August 13. More information is available by visiting rit.edu/ntid/nsp.

There is no cost for the Summer Transition Program.

The New Signers Program cost will be \$3536.

Dates for the 2026-2027 academic year will be determined in the spring of 2026.

IV. What is Vocational Rehabilitation

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) provides services to individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing or to those who have disabilities and who need help to qualify for or to find a job. VR may assist with vocational training or college. VR services may include financial assistance, employment planning, counseling, transportation, and job placement assistance. A VR counselor, who determines eligibility for services, is assigned to each individual requesting assistance. States have various names for VR, and services vary depending on need and the state in which a student lives. Students are responsible for applying for these services through their local Vocational Rehabilitation office. For more information, visit rit.edu/ntid/tuition/vr.

V. How to Purchase Your Books

Akados is RIT's official online virtual bookstore. Once students schedule classes in our Student Information System, their book list and course materials will appear in the Akados system. You can visit our bookstore at rit.textbookx.com.

Some students prefer to order from alternative sources. If you are being supported by VR, it would be important to check with them to see if you have limitations on your vendor choices. Please note that book rentals cannot be purchased with VR funds.

In order to ensure that you are purchasing the books your professors want you to have for your courses, we recommend that you attend class before buying your books.

If Vocational Rehabilitation will be paying for books and supplies, authorizations should be directed to the bookstore by email, or mail to the address below.

Rochester Institute of Technology
Attention: NTID Vocational Rehabilitation Services Center
52 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623
Email: BookVR@rit.edu

VI. Health Insurance

Students opting to enroll in the RIT-offered Student Health Insurance Plan for 2025-26 should enroll no later than September 30, 2025. Estimated annual cost of coverage will be: \$3,127.

Visit their website here: rit.edu/studentaffairs/studenthealth/new-students/insurance.

VII. NTID Vocational Rehabilitation Services

NTID Assistant Director of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Denise Hampton, is located in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Hall, room 2620. She is available to assist all NTID-supported students with questions and concerns related to Vocational Rehabilitation support services. Denise's email and contact information is dchsa@rit.edu, 585-286-4525 (VP), 585-475-2582 (V).

VIII. NTID Student Financial Assistance

Barbara Polle is located in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Hall, room 2620. She is available to help all NTID-supported students with questions and concerns surrounding general financial and billing questions as well as explaining policies, processes, and administering scholarships. Barbara's email and contact information is blptso@rit.edu, 585-286-5516 (VP), 585-475-6863 (V).

IX. RIT/NTID Financial Aid

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships has a staff of seasoned financial professionals that can assist you with all of your financial aid needs. The office determines financial aid awards, counsels students and families on the application process, eligibility criteria, sources of financing, reviews requests for additional assistance and changes in family circumstances, monitors academic progress and communicates financial aid information to VR agencies.

Matthew Reynell and Heather Johnson are Assistant Directors on staff that work exclusively with NTID-supported students. The office is located in the Bausch & Lomb Building. You can contact them by email at ritaid@rit.edu, call 585-475-2186 (V), or Live Chat (ASK RITchie) at [rit.edu/Ask RITchie](http://rit.edu/AskRITchie). The secure document upload link: rit.edu/aid/upload.

X. RIT/NTID Student Financial Services

The Student Financial Services Office of RIT is responsible for maintaining students' accounts and preparing semester bills related to fixed charges. The office is located in University Services Center on the first floor. Please send authorizations to our billing office or contact them if you have questions or concerns.

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Student Financial Services
25 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623
Email: asksfs@rit.edu
585-475-6186 (V), or fax 585-475-5307

XI. Helpful Links

The following areas provide exceptional support for all NTID students.

NTID Student and Academic Services

rit.edu/ntid/sas/

NTID Assistant Director of Vocational Rehabilitation Services: Denise Hampton

dchsfa@rit.edu, 585-475-2582 (V), 585-286-4525 (VP)

NTID Financial Coordinator: Barbara Polle

blptso@rit.edu, 585-475-6863 (V), 585-286-5516 (VP)

Department of Access Services

rit.edu/ntid/das

Counseling and Academic Advising Resources

Counseling and Academic Advising Services - rit.edu/ntid/counseling

NTID Psychological Services -rit.edu/studentaffairs/counseling

Substance & Addiction Intervention Services – rit.edu/ntid/saisd

Communication Studies and Services

rit.edu/ntid/css

NTID Learning Consortium

rit.edu/ntid/nlc

Financial Aid and Scholarships

E-mail: ritaid@rit.edu

Call: 585-475-2186 (V)

Live Chat (ASK RITchie): Financial Aid | RIT

Submit documents: rit.edu/aid/upload

RIT Student Financial Services

rit.edu/sfs

Note: When reviewing rates on the Financial Services website, please be sure you are viewing the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing NTID-Supported rate. All NTID-supported students, whether in associate or bachelor's degree programs, pay the NTID reduced rate shown here: rit.edu/sfs/tuition-and-fees

Disability Services

rit.edu/studentaffairs/disabilityservices

RIT Academic Calendar

rit.edu/calendar

Housing Operations Portal

rit.edu/fa/housing