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The following information is provided to assist RIT/NTID deaf and hard-of-hearing international 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
(Undergraduate International Student)
2025-2026

	Summer Vestibule Program/Orientation (new Deaf/ Hard-of-Hearing students)	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Tuition		\$21,412	\$21,412
Room		4,850	4,850
Board (Tiger 10 Meal Plan)		3,525	3,525
Student Fees ¹		515	515
Freshman Orientation Fee	\$405		
Summer Vestibule Program (associate only)	\$3000		
Accident & Sickness Insurance Premium ²		1305	1822
	<hr/> \$3405	<hr/> \$31,607	<hr/> \$32,124

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

²The Accident and Sickness Health insurance is estimated. This insurance is required for those who do not demonstrate a comparable health insurance plan.

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 \$3,000

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

III. Optional Summer Program: New Signers Program

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, and then resume in person August 4 – August 13. More information is available by visiting rit.edu/ntid/nsp.

The New Signers Program cost will be \$7072.

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

IV. 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 online bookstore at rit.textbookx.com.

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. Some students prefer to order from alternative sources.

V. Health Insurance

RIT requires all students to have adequate medical insurance. This requirement enables access to health care when medical emergencies arise that require services provided outside of RIT's Student Health Center. All registered full and part-time international students (except those on H1 or B1 visas) will be automatically enrolled in the annual plan and will be billed each semester. If you currently have adequate coverage, you can waive out of the Aetna plan by completing the online waiver form. Estimated annual cost of coverage will be: \$3,127.

To submit a waiver, and for more information, visit rit.edu/studentaffairs/studenthealth/new-students/insurance.

VI. NTID Center for International Outreach

The Center for International Educational Outreach (IEO) is responsible for providing support to international deaf and hard-of-hearing students during their time at RIT/NTID. This office is a resource for and coordinates with other departments on campus to address specific student academic and financial issues. The goal of IEO is to promote a positive academic experience and support the success of all NTID international students. Email IEO@rit.edu for support, questions or concerns.

VII. 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 explaining policies and processes, assisting with billing questions, access to Student Information System and eServices, housing or meal plan questions. Email Barbara at blptso@rit.edu, call 585-286-5516 (VP), or 585-475-6863 (V).

VIII. 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 the University Services Center on the first floor. To contact them, email asksfs@rit.edu, call 585-475-6186 (V), or fax 585-475-5307.

IX. Helpful Links

The following areas provide exceptional support services for all NTID students.

NTID Student and Academic Services

rit.edu/ntid/sas/

International Student Services

International Student Services | RIT

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

Finance Related

rit.edu/ntid/admissions/international

rit.edu/fa/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 for international students. All NTID-supported international students, whether in associate or bachelor's degree programs, pay the NTID 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