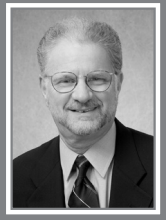


first-year experiences



A Message to Families from the President and Dean, NTID Vice President, RIT

Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz

Welcome to Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID). We are pleased that your young adult has decided to study here. Our programs provide outstanding career education and many exciting opportunities for personal, social, and technical skill development.

Our orientation, known as the Summer Vestibule Program (SVP), is a vital first step in transitioning to college life at RIT. To complete SVP, students are expected to attend all required activities, complete all assessments and assignments, and adhere to SVP regulations.

During SVP, we review each student's readiness and commitment to succeed in his or her chosen educational program. Students attending SVP are not guaranteed a place in a specific major for the fall quarter, but most are accepted into the program of their choice. Students needing additional time to decide on or prepare for a major can participate for up to three quarters in the Career Exploration Studies program.

During SVP Family Orientation, you will have an opportunity to learn more about the educational process at RIT/NTID. I look forward to getting to know your young adult, and hope to meet you at Family Orientation.

Sincerely,

T. Alan Hurwitz
Vice President of Rochester Institute of Technology
President and Dean for the National Technical Institute for the Deaf

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Important Information for Families!

Family Orientation

You are invited to attend the RIT/NTID Family Orientation, August 22 – 24. We hope you will be able to join us to learn more about your son's or daughter's college experience. While your participation is encouraged, the Family Orientation program is optional.

What is the Summer Vestibule Program?

The Summer Vestibule Program (SVP) is a required two-week orientation designed to assist first-year students with their transition to college life. During SVP, your son or daughter will be exposed to the various academic programs offered at NTID and the other colleges of RIT, attend career seminars, and learn about life on a college campus. He or she also will take important placement tests.

Course Placement Tests are used to match students with courses that are compatible with their achievement and aptitude.

In many cases, scores on these tests also are used to determine a student's readiness for a particular major and/or degree level. Students will be tested in English, math, and, other subjects as appropriate.

- ▶ **Program Sampling** includes classroom lectures, activities, and laboratory projects relating to the programs at NTID and the other colleges of RIT. Program sampling activities help your son or daughter determine or confirm his or her interests and abilities for different majors.
- ▶ **Career Seminars** introduce students to decision-making models and enable them to identify their skills, interests, and values as they relate to personal and professional goals. Career development counselors provide instruction and advisement.
- ▶ **Student Life Team** activities introduce your son or daughter to college life and what is needed to succeed at RIT/NTID. He or she will be offered opportunities for personal enrichment, including cultural, recreational, athletic, and residence life activities.

SVP 2009 Move-In and Registration



A Message from the SVP Coordinator

Linda Bryant

The transition to college is filled with great excitement and many challenges for students. Parents and families play a very important role during this transition period, providing the support and encouragement that is vital for student success throughout college. During our Family Orientation program (August 16 – 18), we provide families with the opportunity to get acquainted with the resources, programs and requirements at RIT/NTID. We hope this will be the beginning of an important partnership as we work together to provide students with the educational opportunities that will lead them to a rewarding career and successful life. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this important Family Orientation program.

I look forward to meeting you at orientation!

Best regards,

Linda Bryant
SVP/First-Year Experiences Coordinator



SVP 2009 move-in is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday August 22. Check-in and registration will be held in the CSD Student Life Center).

At registration:

- You will pick up your SVP Family Orientation schedule.
- Your student will pick up his or her room and mailbox keys, SVP notebook and schedule.

While some carts will be available to make your move-in easier, we recommend that you bring your own dolly or cart to transport luggage to the residence hall rooms. We also suggest that you avoid moving in during the early morning rush when residence hall elevators are busiest.

For more information, please refer to your student's Housing Operations packet, visit their Web site at: www.rit.edu/housing/ or call directly at 585-475-2572 (v) or 585-475-2113 (TTY).

Students may not move onto campus before August 22 (move-in day). If you need to arrive in Rochester before August 16, please make arrangements to stay at a hotel. Nearby hotels are listed below. Be sure to ask for the special RIT rate when you make hotel reservations.

Note: If you expect to arrive on campus after 4:00 p.m. on August 22, please be sure to inform the SVP office at 585-475-6800 (voice/TTY), so we may prepare for your late arrival.

Comfort Suites

2085 Hylan Drive
585-334-6620

Radisson Hotel

175 Jefferson Road
585-475-1910 (v/TTY)

Best Western

940 Jefferson Road
585-427-2700

Holiday Inn-Airport

911 Brooks Avenue
1-800-465-4329

Red Roof Inn

4820 W. Henrietta Rd.
585-359-1100 (voice)
585-843-9999 (TTY)

RIT Inn and

Conference Center
5257 W. Henrietta Rd.
585-359-1800

Microtel

905 Lehigh Station Road
1-800-999-2005

Super 8 Motel

1000 Lehigh Station
1-800-800-8000

SVP 2009 Calendar of Events

SVP Move-In:

Sat., Aug. 22, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Family Orientation:

Sun., Aug. 23 – Mon., Aug. 24

SVP Student Programming:

Sat., Aug. 22 – Sun., September 6

Fall Quarter Classes Begin:

Mon., Sept. 7 (Labor Day)

Family Orientation Schedule

Saturday, August 22

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Move-In; lunch & dinner on your own
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Campus Service Fair
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Meet your Orientation Assistant (OA)
9 p.m.	Mandatory dorm meeting for students

Sunday, August 23

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Self-pay brunch at Gracies with other families, students and staff
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.	Welcome presentation
2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Family presentation
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Students meet with career planning seminar groups
3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Family dessert reception
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Meet your student's counselor
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Family and student program

Monday, August 24

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Meet with Financial Aid officers
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RIT Public Safety

Public Safety officers are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week and can be contacted at 585-475-2853 (voice/TTY) or by Instant Message at RITPublicSafety. If requested, a Public Safety staff member will escort students across campus, to a vehicle or even from building to building.

Additional Information about RIT Public Safety services, procedures and statistics can be obtained at <http://finweb.rit.edu/PublicSafety/>.

Shuttle-bus Service

RIT contracts with the Regional Transit Service (RTS) for bus service to designated stops on campus. RIT also offers bus service to local malls, food markets and movie theaters on Saturdays and Sundays at NO CHARGE.

Mobility-impaired Van

RIT offers transportation for mobility-impaired students on weekdays as needed for academic purposes. To use this service, students first must register with the RIT Disabilities Office by calling 585-475-7804 (voice/TTY).

Student Health Services

The Student Health Center, centrally located on campus, is available to provide health care, support and education for students. Services are available by appointment Monday through Friday.

- After-hours care is provided at four off-campus centers.
- Public Safety is available 24/7 for assistance with medical emergencies.
- For more information about RIT's Student Health Center, visit: www.rit.edu/studenthealth, or call 585-475-2255 (voice) or 585-475-5515 (TTY).

Student Health and Dental Insurance

RIT requires all students to have adequate medical insurance. If a student does not have coverage, this requirement may be satisfied by enrolling in Basic Accident and Sickness coverage before the enrollment deadline.

- For Student Accident & Sickness Insurance information, contact University Health Plans at 800-437-6448 or enroll through www.universityhealthplans.com.
- To enroll in the RIT Student Dental Plan via Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rochester, contact the Customer Service office between 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday at 800-847-1200 (voice) or 585-545-2845 (TTY).

For more information about student health services or health insurance, contact the Student Health Center at 585-475-2255 (voice) or 585-475-5515 (TTY).

Break Times/Holidays

Residence Hall contracts entitle students to live in their rooms during the academic year only. Residence halls are open during Thanksgiving and spring breaks, with meals available on a cash basis. The residence halls are closed during the winter holiday break, and all students must vacate their rooms during this time.

Brick City Homecoming/ Parents Weekend

If you are looking for a suitable time to visit your son or daughter, plan to attend the Brick City Homecoming October 8 – 11, 2009. We recommend making hotel reservations as soon as possible. Please refer to the following Web site for details: www2.rit.edu/brickcity/.

Student Room Telephone

A telephone line with a designated number will be assigned to your son's or daughter's room for his or her use, but the actual phone equipment is not provided. Your son or daughter should bring his or her own phone or TTY if he or she uses this equipment. As we are not permitted to release this information, please be sure to get your son's or daughter's phone number and address before leaving campus.

