Bachelor–Level Liberal Arts Programs
Overview for Employers

College of Liberal Arts
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Deaf and hard-of-hearing students enrolled in RIT’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, among other things, 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 as:

- Communications professionals
- Counselors
- Journalist/writer/editor
- Librarian
- Marketing and advertising professionals
- Museum/archive curators
- Public relations specialist
- Researcher
- Urban and regional planner

Cooperative Education (Co-op) Component

Students work in cooperative work assignments in nearly every type of business setting across the country and around the world. Co-op employment enables students to put their skills and knowledge to work at 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 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 are enrolled in these liberal arts programs:

- Advertising and Public Relations
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- International Studies
- Journalism
- Museum Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Urban and Community Studies
The National Technical Institute for the Deaf Center on Employment helps deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT/NTID students and graduates with their job search, provides employers with well-trained, highly qualified deaf and hard-of-hearing employees. NCE 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 Center on Employment in a variety of ways including hiring deaf and hard-of-hearing students and graduates:

- Center for Disability Rights
- Central Intelligence Agency
- Disney Worldwide Services, Inc.
- Dow Chemical Company
- New York State Division of Human Rights
- U.S. Department of Labor
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. Veterans Administration Medical Center
- University of Michigan

RIT/NTID co-op students 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. For your convenience, access further information about our services at [www.rit.edu/NTID/coops/jobs](http://www.rit.edu/NTID/coops/jobs).

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 Center on Employment 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.