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.

Campus Life 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.
Students are expected to move-in between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday August 18. Check-in and registration will be held in the CSD Student Development 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 SVP 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 18 (move-in day). If you need to arrive in Rochester before August 18, 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 18, please be sure to inform the SVP office at 585-475-6800 (voice), so we may prepare for your late arrival.

Comfort Suites Henrietta
2085 Hylan Drive
585-334-6620

Doubletree Hotel
1111 Jefferson Road
585-475-1510

Red Roof Inn
4820 W. Henrietta Rd.
585-359-1100 (voice)

Microtel Discount Motel
905 Lehigh Station Road
1-800-771-7171

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

Holiday Inn-Airport
911 Brooks Avenue
585-328-6000

RIT Inn and Conference Center
5257 W. Henrietta Rd.
585-359-1800

Super 8 Motel
1000 Lehigh Station Rd.
585-359-1630

SVP 2012 Calendar of Events

SVP Move-In: Sat., Aug. 18, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Family Orientation: Sat., Aug. 19 – Mon., Aug. 20
SVP Student Programming: Sat., Aug. 18 – Sun., September 2
Fall Quarter Classes Begin: Mon., Sept. 3 (Labor Day)

Note: Students are expected to stay the full two weeks of SVP (including weekends).
Family Orientation Schedule

Saturday, August 18
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.       Mandatory meeting for students
                       Optional program for families

Sunday, August 19
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 in Panara Theater
2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.    Family presentation
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.       Students meet with career 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
6:30 p.m.              Family and student program

Monday, August 20
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  Meet with Financial Aid & Student Financial Services personnel

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).

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, contact the Student Health Center at 585-475-2255 (voice) or 585-475-5515 (TTY).

For health insurance questions, contact Risk Management at 585-475-6135.

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 19 – 21, 2012. We recommend making hotel reservations as soon as possible. Please refer to the following Web site for details: www2.rit.edu/brickcity/.

Cost of Books

Barnes & Noble@RIT offers new and used textbooks. The cost for books may average $300 or more per quarter. Students in fine arts and photography may spend more for books and supplies. Barnes & Noble@RIT accepts cash, personal checks (with RIT ID card), MasterCard, Visa and RIT Tiger Bucks.
Vocational Rehabilitation Support

If your student will be receiving VR support, it is important they keep their VR counselor informed of their program choice, grades and any other information he or she requires as part of their funding agreement (IPE). It is very important they communicate with their VR counselor throughout the academic year to keep him or her informed of their progress. Most VR offices expect students to maintain full-time status (minimum 12 credits/quarter) and to earn a GPA of 2.0 or above to continue to receive support. NTID would appreciate a copy of your students Individual Plan of Employment (IPE). Please mail, fax or bring a copy of your student’s IPE to NTID so we can assist students with maintaining compliance. (Refer to the SVP Office Contact Information section on this page.)

The cost of SVP

The fee for NTID’s Summer Vestibule Program is included in your student’s fall quarter bill. These costs cover programming and room & board and are not covered by financial aid. If your student has VR or OSAP support, be sure to discuss the costs related to SVP with them before arriving. For a breakdown of these costs, refer to the SVP website at www.rit.edu/NTID/SVP.

Student Financial Services Office

The Student Financial Services Office, maintains all student financial records, generates quarterly billing, and determines each student’s financial eligibility to register for each quarter. The office processes student charges, payments, and refunds. Questions regarding financial records should be directed to this office at 585-475-6186 (voice). Representatives will be available to meet with families on Monday, August 20th.

Student Financial Aid Office!

Save time – Don’t stand in line
Take care of Financial Aid questions and answers before you arrive. Review and sign your Financial Aid award. Contact NTID’s Financial Aid office at 585-475-2186 or via e-mail at NTIDaid@rit.edu.

Banking

M & T Bank is the only full-service bank on the RIT campus. Bank of America, HSBC and M & T ATMs are located in various locations on campus.

- M & T at Park Point 800-724-2440, 585-272-8057
- Bank of America 800-841-4000
- HSBC 800-975-4722

Other banks located in the Rochester area include Chase Manhattan, Citizen, First Niagara, Key bank and National Bank of Geneva.

Cashing Personal Checks

Students in good financial standing may cash personal checks at the Cashier’s Window in the Student Financial Services Office. The check limit is $50 and must be the student’s own personal check or a third-party (parent’s) check.

Educational Records Policy

A summary of the RIT educational records policy is printed in the course registration schedule each quarter and in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

Students’ educational records are confidential. Parents of dependent students, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, have the same rights of access to their son’s or daughter’s educational records as the students. Regardless of whether your son or daughter is dependent or emancipated, we encourage him or her to sign the SVP Release of Information waiver. This enables us to share information with you during this critical adjustment period.

SVP Office Contact Information

SVP Office Contact Information: Phone: 585-475-6800 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily E-mail: bjjgnhd@rit.edu. Fax number: 585-475-7786 Mailing address: 52 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623

SVP Web site

www.rit.edu/NTID/SVP

SVP Checklist

Has your son or daughter completed the following?

- Language/Communication Background Questionnaire (LCBQ)
- Career Interest Survey
- Housing Contract
- Health History form
- VR/VESID Information form, if appropriate
- Release of Information form
- FAFSA (financial aid for U.S. citizens)
- Secondary Disability application, if appropriate