CI Services for Students

Mapping services are available after a new or replacement CI has been fitted by your home cochlear implant center. NTID audiologists are skilled and experienced in the mapping of cochlear implants manufactured by these major companies:

- Advanced Bionics
- Cochlear Corporation
- Med-El

Some of the other CI services available for you on campus are:

- Cochlear implant consultations and evaluation of implant performance and upgrade information
- Cochlear implant candidacy evaluations and advice
- Consultations by ear, nose and throat specialists from the University of Rochester Medical Center
- Troubleshooting of devices and accessories
- FM loans/fittings
- Individual auditory training and speech reading training
- Individual speech and language therapy
- Networking and other cochlear implant group activities

The Cochlear Implant Center

If you already have a cochlear implant, you can benefit from the speech and audiology services offered in the CI Center. One of the many services you can request is individual auditory training sessions with audiology or speech-language faculty and staff. The center also is outfitted with the latest in CI software programs and connects to websites that students can visit on their own for individual work.

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Cochlear Implant Use—A Philosophy

RIT/NTID faculty and staff respect and support an individual’s decision regarding his or her choice to use a cochlear implant. Audiologists are always available and work closely with students who wish to receive or resume using their implant.

About RIT/NTID

Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y., is nationally recognized as a leader in computing, engineering, imaging technology, business, science and fine and applied arts, and for providing unparalleled support services for students with hearing loss. RIT is home to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, the nation’s first and largest technological college for deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

Contact Us

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The Spoken Language Learning and Practice Lab

(SLLPL) features state-of-the-art technology, including audio-video recording and playback devices for instructional purposes, with the goal of supporting students’ communication goals in receptive and expressive spoken English. Computer software facilitates correct speech production, development of listening skills and improved pronunciation.

The RIT/NTID Cochlear Implant Group

The RIT/NTID Cochlear Implant Group meets quarterly during the academic year, and includes students, faculty and staff who have an implant or who are considering one. CI Group participants:

- Receive updates on CI technology and services from visiting CI manufacturers
- Benefit from networking with other CI users
- Share knowledge and experiences as implant users
- Enjoy social events

Scheduling Appointments, Troubleshooting, and Accessories

- Schedule cochlear implant or other audiology services by calling or visiting NTID’s Hearing Aid Shop, located in Room 3130 of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Building (LBJ-Bldg, 60). The Hearing Aid Shop phone number is 585-475-6473 (voice/TTY).
- Buy batteries, replacement cords and other accessories in the Hearing Aid Shop.
- Drop by the Hearing Aid Shop and visit on-call audiologists who will assist with replacement parts, FM loan/fittings and equipment troubleshooting.
- Request speech therapy by going to the Spoken Language Learning and Practice Lab (LBJ-3225) or to the CSS staff assistant’s desk (LBJ-3850) to sign up.

Individual Communication Instruction

CSS faculty and staff will work with you to design individualized listening, speech and communication instruction programs unique to your interests and needs. Topics include:

- Communication strategies, job interviews
- Articulation, pronunciation and voice quality
- Vocabulary, grammar and conversational practice
- Speechreading and listening skill improvement

RIT/NTID’s Communication Studies and Services Department offers a comprehensive array of services to support your cochlear implant use.

If you have a cochlear implant, or are thinking about getting one, you’ll benefit from high-tech services and specialized support at Rochester Institute of Technology’s National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

- Seven audiologists and seven speech-language pathologists available to assist you on the RIT campus
- Speech language practice and listening therapy
- Hearing aid evaluations, fittings and repairs
- Cochlear implant consultations, mapping and troubleshooting
- Faculty and staff with specialized cochlear implant training and years of experience that enable them to support both experienced CI users and students new to CI use

NTID has been serving individuals with cochlear implants since 1984. Currently there are more than 200 students with implants attending RIT.

The CI Mentorship Program pairs students with mentors—students, faculty and staff—who also are CI users for social events and learning experiences.