

**DORS Support for Consumers Attending/Enrolled at
National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) or
Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
(as of August 2021)**

• **Pre-Baccalaureate Studies at NTID**

DORS does NOT support this program.

Completion of this program does not result in an AA degree and the credits often do not transfer to another institution. Please see the [RIT website for additional details about Pre-Baccalaureate Studies](#).

• **Associate & Bachelor's Degree Programs at NTID/RIT**

DORS will provide funding/support for this program.

The student will earn an Associate degree (AS or AAS), and they may choose to pursue a Bachelor's degree at RIT (transferring credits earned for the AA degree), or they may seek employment that requires an AA Degree. Please keep in mind that the credits earned for the AA degree may not transfer to another institution outside of New York. However, the AA degree is a credential that will assist DORS consumers in becoming employed. Please see the [RIT website for additional details related to the Associate and Bachelors program](#).

• **Associate of Occupational Studies Degree (AOS) offered by NTID**

DORS will provide funding/support for this program.

The program provides vocational-level training which leads to a credential and may lead to entry-level employment. Please note, however, that credits earned toward this particular AA degree do not transfer to a Bachelor's degree program. More [details about the AOS Degrees offered at NTID](#).

Note: If the consumer is deaf and his or her primary mode of communication is ASL, then DORS will provide funding, as appropriate, using UMCP rates for the Associate degree programs and Bachelor's degree programs at NTID/RIT (2nd and 3rd bullet above). Please refer to RSM 2, Section 1510.01 for policy related to Room and Board funding.

• **The Summer Vestibule Program**

DORS will support this program.

From [the program's website](#): "The deaf and hard-of-hearing student orientation, Summer Vestibule Program, is required for deaf and hard-of-hearing incoming freshmen and transfer students. SVP is held before the start of RIT's campuswide orientation program.

During SVP you'll:

- Begin building relationships with other incoming deaf and hard-of-hearing students, faculty, and staff
- Participate in interactive sessions, small group activities, and recreational events
- Meet current deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT/NTID students

SVP for students admitted for the fall is scheduled for August 15-17, 2021. Move-in will be on Sunday, August 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. A more detailed schedule will be available in advance of the program.

After SVP concludes, you will attend [RIT Orientation](#).

RIT is requiring all students to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before their arrival on campus. You'll find details on how to upload your proof of vaccination in the [New Student Checklist](#), which contains all immunization and COVID-19 requirements."

See the [Summer Vestibule Program website for more information](#).

• **The Career Exploration Program**

DORS will support this program (new in 2020) for only one year.

It doesn't appear to be a pre-baccalaureate, as the courses are transferrable to specific majors at NTID. Students enrolled in this program will have their IPE approved for one year (all other requirements being in place), and then re-assessed at the end of freshman year, to determine the number of college courses taken during this program that actually transfer to the major.

From the program's website: "Career Exploration Studies (CES) is a program option at the college of NTID to assist first-year undergraduate deaf and hard-of-hearing students in their major exploration journey. CES serves two groups of students: RIT/NTID students in their first-year of undergraduate study in the college of NTID, and current RIT/NTID students who want to re-explore other major options available to them at RIT. Through advising, coaching, career assessment, and course sampling, RIT/NTID students have the opportunity to make an informed, educated decision when choosing their final major. The CES program also supports deaf and hard-of-hearing students who need additional academic preparation to be ready for their chosen major. Deaf and hard-of-hearing students who meet admissions requirements may be eligible to enter the University Exploration Program." See the [Career Exploration Program website for more information](#).