Programs to Support Rochester Institute of Technology’s Mainstreamed Deaf Students

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NTID’s Location

The RIT Campus

Lyndon Baines Johnson Building (LBJ)

Located in Rochester, New York

Where is NTID/RIT?

Rochester
The Eight Colleges of RIT
≈15,000 Students
Rochester Institute of Technology

CAST
COB
COE
CIAS
CLA
COE

NTID Supports and Educates 1,066 Deaf Students
Rochester Institute of Technology

Transfer Programs
118 Students (11%)

Bachelors & Masters Degrees
454 Students (41%)

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CAST
College of Applied Science & Technology

COB
College of Business

GCCIS
Golisano College of Computer & Information Sciences

COE
College of Engineering

CIAS
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

CLA
College of Imaging Arts & Sciences

COS
College of Science & Technology

NTID
National Technical Institute for the Deaf

Direct Service Model
• Teachers Sign
• Teach Students Directly
Support Model
For Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree Students

• Access Services Provided
• Academic Support Provided
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BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

CAST
COB
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ASSOCIATE DEGREES:
Occupational Science (AOS)
Applied Science (AAS)

Transfer Degree (AS)
Support Model Components
For Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree Students

• Access Services Provided
• Academic Support Provided
Access Services

- Interpreting
- Notetaking
- Technological Solutions
- Counseling
Interpreting Services

- Interpreting services provided by:
  - 122 FTE Staff interpreters (August 2006)
  - Freelance interpreters
  - Deaf interpreters for Deaf-blind students
  - Students from interpreter training program
Classroom Interpreting
Notetaking

- Notetaker Coordinators
- Trained student notetakers (paid)
- Notes are scanned to the web
- Support faculty evaluate the content matter of the notes
Web Distribution of Notes

Classes

Scanning Center

Web Site
Classroom Notetaking
Technological Solutions

- Audiology Department Services
  - Hearing Aids
  - Assistive Listening Devices
  - Cochlear Implant Support

- Text-Based Access Technology
  - C-Print (55 FTE captionist positions)
  - Real-Time Captioning

- Captioned Media
Counseling

- Personal Counseling
- Academic Advising
Academic Support Services

- An integrated system of multiple roles and strategies:
  - Instruction
    - Direct Classroom
    - Individual/Small group instruction
  - Academic Advising/Counseling
  - Mentoring
  - Liaison – Multiple Relationships
Mainstreamed Students and Support Services

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How Well We Do What We Do…

First Year Retention
• Overall 2002-04 – 75%

Graduation Rates
• Baccalaureate Degrees – 69%
• RIT (Hearing Students) – 64%
• Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students from other Colleges – 25%
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