

**Master of Science in Deaf Education (MSSE) Partnership Program
between
SUNY Cobleskill
and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID)
at RIT - Rochester Institute of Technology**

A partnership has been established between SUNY Cobleskill and NTID (National Technical Institute for the Deaf) through which we would hold 1-2 places for students from SUNY Cobleskill each year in our Master of Science in Deaf Education (MSSE) program. Feel free to check out (or direct interested students) to learn more about the program online at: <http://www.rit.edu/ntid/drate/msse/index.php>

Our program criteria is as follows:

- Students should be on track to graduate with **30 semester credits** (with a grade of “C” or better) in **one** of the following disciplines:
 - English
 - Social Studies (or History)
 - Math
 - Science
 - ASL
- Students should have a minimum of a “B” average (3.0 cgpa) cumulative
- Students should have a basic knowledge of American Sign Language (ASL) as measured by a departmental skills assessment, or willingness to take American Sign Language I, or its equivalent, at NTID or another college prior to beginning the program (proficiency in ASL is NOT required for admission to the program). All students are required to achieve at least a rating of “Intermediate” on the Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI) before graduating from the MSSE program.
- Evidence of professional commitment and potential for success in the program.
- If the applicant is a junior and would like to hold a place for after their senior year, the application deadline is May 1st. If the applicant is a senior and is applying for enrolling in the program the following fall quarter, the application due date is February 15.

Once a SUNY Cobleskill student has completed an application, assuming they can demonstrate that they meet the criteria here above, they will be invited to campus for an interview and meeting with the Department Chair of MSSE.

When students successfully complete the MSSE program, they will have earned a Master of Science degree including:

- Initial Certification from New York State to teach in an academic subject area at the secondary school level (grades 7-12). Subject areas include Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, English, Math, Physics, Social Studies or American Sign Language
- Initial certification from New York State in education of students who are deaf or hard of hearing, grades K-12
- Provisional certification from the Council on Education of the Deaf (CED) in education of students who are deaf or hard of hearing
- SUNY Cobleskill students who enter the MSSE program at RIT and wish to become certified for early childhood (or childhood) education will need to go through BOCES or the NYS Education Department (Dr. Gerry Bateman, Director of the MSSE program usually refers the students to BOCES). He advises the students as to what they would need to do to complete this process. He can only recommend students for certification to teach Deaf/Hard of Hearing students (K-12), English, Social Studies, Math, Physics, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry and ASL.

Students will enjoy small class sizes and one-on-one discussions with faculty who are international leaders in research and the art of teaching.

- Students will have the opportunity to gain valuable real-world teaching experience by participating in our student-teaching program and enjoy a top-quality education at a substantially reduced tuition rate, thanks to the federal support RIT receives for MSSE students.
- If you pursue the MS program and you plan to teach in the content areas of math or science upon graduation, you may be eligible for a scholarship of up to \$5000 per year for two years. Up to 10 such scholarships are offered on an annual basis.
- All full-time students in the MS program are offered opportunities to work as graduate assistants with members of NTID faculty and staff. These paid positions range from teaching and research assistants to program assistants and tutors. Graduate assistants are required to work five hours per week and receive a stipend of \$1000 per quarter (\$3000 per academic year). There are also numerous on-campus student employment opportunities available.

The MSSE program is a truly exceptional value and an outstanding choice designed to give students the skills they need for a successful teaching career.

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10 English prefix courses to Satisfy
30 Credit English Concentration for MSSE program at RIT

ENGL 121 Introduction to Literature

ENGL 151 Introduction to Drama

ENGL 221 Readings in Literature

ENGL 223 Readings in American Literature

ENGL 241 Short Story

ENGL 293 Special Projects in Literature

ENGL 304 Writing in the Disciplines

ENGL 310 A Selected Topics in Literature: The Holocaust

ENGL 310 B Selected Topics in Literature: Native American Literature

ENGL 320 Writing Nature: Human Expression and the Natural World

**14 Possible “Social Studies” courses that can be used to
Satisfy the 30 Credit Social Studies Concentration for
MSSE program at RIT**

- A highlighted list of Lower Level LAS courses that EC students can “fit” into their B.S. in Child Care and Development degree program:

SOSC 111 Introduction to Sociology

NAMS 111 Introduction to Iroquois

NAMS 121 Introduction to Native American Studies

HIST 101/ HIST 102 History of Western Civilization I

HIST 121/ HIST 122 History of United States I

ECON 123/ ECON 124 Micro- Macro- Economics

GOVT 141 American Government

ANTH 114 Physical Anthropology

ANTH 11 Cultural Anthropology

- A highlighted list possible Upper Level LAS courses that EC students can “fit” into their B.S. in Child Care and Development degree program

SOSC 311 Rural Sociology

SOSC 312 Sociology of the Community

ANTH 317 Agriculture and Society

ECON 330 Comparative Economic Systems

GOVT 345 International Relations