



Culturally Responsive Communities of Practice  
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Deaf STEM Community Alliance  
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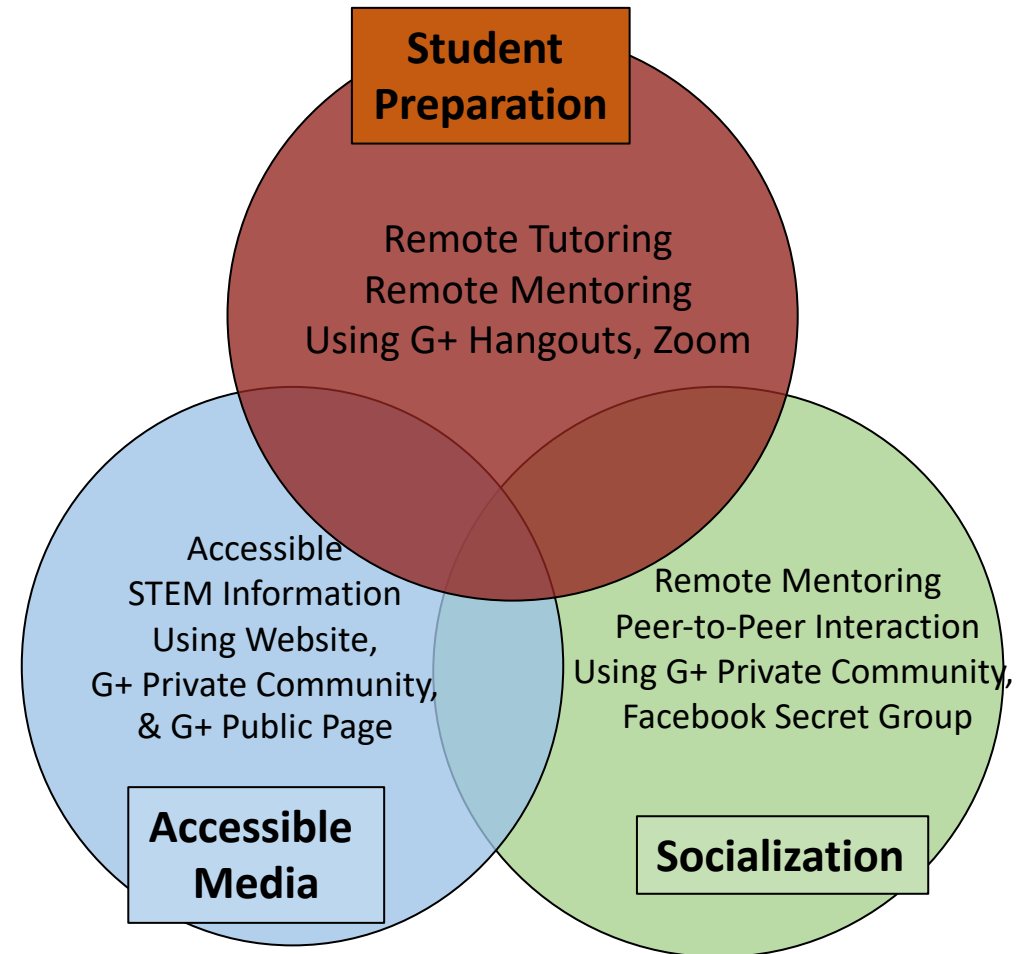
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Virtual Academic Community (DHHVAC)

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# DHHVAC - Introduction

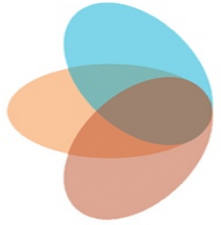
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  - HRD-1127955,
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- Students, Faculty & Mentors
  - RIT
  - Camden County College
  - Cornell University
  - Closed Membership
    - 20 (2011-12) – 64 (2017-18)
    - 82 (2016-17)





# DHHVAC – Cultural Responsiveness

- For participants who are D/deaf or hard of hearing!
- Varied communication preferences need to be represented:
  - Audio
  - Sign
  - Text
  - Video
- Variety of STEM topics need to be covered
- Multigenerational and multiple roles (students, faculty, professionals)



# DHHVAC – Lesson(s) Learned



Patience



Flexibility



# DHHVAC – What's On My Mind?

How do we best define *member engagement*?