

Validation Report



BN720

**Certificate in EC-Council Certified Ethical
Hacker**

Introduction

The Institute of Technology Blanchardstown was established in 1999. The mission of the Institute is to serve its students and the community by meeting the skills needs in the economy and increasing the level of participation in third-level education and training, particularly in Dublin North-West and its environs.

The Institute has developed an active adult continuing education programme to provide education and training that is relevant and responsive to economic and social needs both locally and nationally and is committed to both lifelong learning and second-chance education.

The Institute in 2006 was awarded delegated authority enabling the development, validation, implementation and continuous improvement of its existing taught higher education and training programmes up to and including level 9 of the National Framework of Qualifications.

The purpose of this document is to report on the findings of the peer review panel established to validate this proposed programme against the criteria for the validation of programmes as stipulated in the Institute policy document 2MP01¹.

This submission by the School of Informatics and Engineering evolved through:

- examining the competence, expertise and experience of it's staff in addition to the strategy of the department/school/Institute and government educational policy
- feedback from prospective students at open evenings and other marketing events

¹ 2MP01 Design, validation and accreditation of new academic programmes

Programme overview

EC-Council certifications are designed to provide the foundation needed by every Electronic Commerce and Security Professional. EC-Council curriculum provides a broad range of skills and knowledge needed to build and manage an organisation's networking and security operations and to effectively utilise various resources to achieve operation excellence.

Programme detail

Programme title	Certificate in EC-Council Certified Ethical Hacker
Award title	Certificate in EC-Council Certified Ethical Hacker
Award type	Special purpose award
NFQ^I level	6*
ECTS^{II} credits	10*
Programme code	BN720
Banner code	BN_KEHAC_Q

Programme information

The academic content of this programme is determined by the EC-Council, and the examinations are conducted under the auspices of the EC-Council.

Please see <http://www.eccouncil.org/ceh.htm> for details of programme and entry requirements.

The validation was restricted to recommendation of programme and award title, proposed NFQ level, and proposed ECTS credits.

^I National Framework of Qualifications

* Subject to National Review

^{II} European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

Panel members

Chairperson	Mr. Tony Quinlan An Chéim
Panel member 1	Dr. Mícheál Ó hÉigeartaigh Waterford Institute of Technology
Panel member 2	Ms. Ita Kavanagh Limerick Institute of Technology
Panel member 3	Mr. Stephen Burke IBM
In attendance	Dr. Diarmuid O'Callaghan Institute of Technology Blanchardstown Mr. Michael Keane Institute of Technology Blanchardstown
Date of Panel Meeting	Wednesday 7 th May 2008

Institute staff present

Mr. Larry McNutt	Head of School of Informatics and Engineering
Dr. Brian Nolan	Head of Department of Informatics
Mr. Tom Nolan	Department of Informatics
Mr. Kevin Farrell	Department of Informatics
Mr. Mark Cummins	Department of Informatics

Decision of the panel

The panel recommended the validation of the proposed programme namely:

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Panel signatures

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Mr. Tony Quinlan _____ Date _____

Secretary

Dr. Diarmuid O'Callaghan _____ Date _____

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