

# Validation Report



**BN726**

**Certificate in Sun Certified Java Developer**

## 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 2MP01<sup>1</sup>.

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

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<sup>1</sup> 2MP01 Design, validation and accreditation of new academic programmes

## Programme overview

Sun Microsystems certification program in Java technology is an industry recognised, worldwide program that focuses on critical job roles in software application development and enterprise architecture.

The aim of this programme is to equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed to develop a complete model for an object-oriented software system combining instruction on software development processes, object-oriented technologies and the Unified Modelling Language (UML).

## Programme detail

<b>Programme title</b>	Certificate in Sun Certified Java Developer
<b>Award title</b>	Certificate in Sun Certified Java Developer
<b>Award type</b>	Special purpose award
<b>NFQ<sup>I</sup> level</b>	7*
<b>ECTS<sup>II</sup> credits</b>	10*
<b>Programme code</b>	BN726
<b>Banner code</b>	BN_KSCJD_Q

## Programme information

The academic content of this programme is determined by Sun Microsystems, and the examinations are conducted under the auspices of Sun Microsystems.

Please see <http://www.sun.com/training/certification/java/scjd.xml> 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.

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<sup>I</sup> National Framework of Qualifications

<sup>\*</sup> Subject to National Review

<sup>II</sup> European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

## Panel members

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

## Institute staff present

Mr. Larry McNutt	Head of School of Informatics and Engineering
Dr. Brian Nolan	Head of Department of Informatics
Ms. Orla McMahon	Department of Informatics
Ms. Margaret Kinsella	Department of Informatics

## Decision of the panel

The panel recommended the validation of the proposed programme namely:

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## Panel signatures

### Chairperson

Mr. Tony Quinlan \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Secretary

Dr. Diarmuid O'Callaghan \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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