About this course

Step into a software development career!

Go beyond programming and take a step towards a lasting career in software development. Gain advanced knowledge and valuable experience in an industry-standard learning environment with the latest technology.

Gain these skills:

- develop advanced apps
- gain advanced knowledge of Java, C# and PHP/SQL
- data modelling and agile development
- web programming, and testing and debugging

This course is not available to study by applicants outside of WA.

The Centre for IT Excellence (CITE) provides state of the art, industry relevant training in information technology, creative media and electronics. We provide pathways from foundation studies to advanced diploma with specialist training in cyber security, systems and programming.

Fast Track: Students who meet the entrance requirements for the diploma, but who may need to build lower level skills can complete the certificate IV foundation skill set. This skill set consists of only the essential units from the
Certificate IV, done over one term, which then leads into a three term diploma. Ask us about this exciting option.

Students who complete the Certificate IV in Programming can progress to this course and complete in one semester, full time, due to an overlap in units. Other students may require three terms to complete the diploma. Full-time attendance is equivalent to two days a week.

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Overview

This course may be offered with a blended, flexible delivery model to enable social distancing measures to be undertaken during the COVID-19 pandemic. This approach may include a mix of online and classroom based delivery, as well as practical and work experience placements. Lecturers will provide any specific instructions if your training delivery style needs to change.

Entrance requirements

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Study pathway

- Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology
- Certificate IV in Programming
- Diploma of Software Development

South Metropolitan TAFE has many further study opportunities available.
Plan your study pathway in information technology

Download the study pathway guide
Completion of this course can produce advanced standing towards a university degree.

Job opportunities

🔍 Assistant Software Developer

Please note this list should be used as a guide only as job titles and qualification requirements may vary between organisations.

SM TAFE actively promotes the employment availability of course graduates to key industry partners and organisations. We also seek expressions of interest from organisations for the placement of our students into work experience. We endeavour to assist students into a career pathway, but please be aware that neither employment nor work experience placement is guaranteed by us.

To access free career planning and job search assistance, visit the Jobs and Skills Centres page.

Fees and charges

Indicative fees and charges

2020 general admission fees list
2020 apprenticeship/traineeship fees list
Fees and charges published on our website are indicative. Your fees will depend on your eligibility for government funding or a concession rate, and the units you choose to study or seek to be recognised under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). Our Indicative fees lists show fees that are:

- Based on the full possible study plan of units, including the recommended electives
- Based on full time study in 2020
- Charged at the government funded rate for over 18 years of age students
- Based on unit electives designed to meet localised industry demand for skills
- Made up of course fees and resource fees, or RPL fees. Course fees are the cost of your tuition, while resource fees pay for consumables provided to you to aid your study (such as printing and paper). You may also be required to purchase text books or equipment that are not part of our tuition or resource fees.

Fees may vary between students and between educational providers. Other charges may apply.
Visit our [Fees and payment options](#) page for more information.

Call 1800 001 001 to get a more accurate fee indication based on your eligibility and study plan before applying.

**VET Student Loans**

Selected courses are VET Student Loan eligible courses.

A VET Student Loan creates a debt that must be repaid to the Commonwealth and is only available to students who are eligible.

To find out if you are eligible or to see the list of eligible courses visit our [Student Loans](#) page.

**International students**

Selected courses are available to International students for full time study only.

Fees, charges, available locations, applications and enrolment procedures for International students are different to those for students who have Australian permanent residency.

For more information or to find a course visit the [TAFE International WA](#) website.

**Apprenticeships and traineeships**

Fees for apprenticeships and traineeships are charged at a rate per nominal hour of study.

This means that your fees will vary depending on the units you study as part of your training plan.

Apprentices and trainees are liable to pay for their own fees but some industrial agreements (awards) dictate that employers are required to reimburse their apprentice upon receipt of satisfactory progress. An employer may also opt to pay on behalf of the apprentice or trainee.

For more information visit our [Apprenticeships and traineeships](#) page.

**Recognition of Prior Learning**

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) enrolments are charged at $3.25 per nominal hour of study.

No concession fees apply to RPL enrolments. Refer to the institutional or apprenticeship/traineeship fee lists for an indicative RPL course fee.

**Please note, fees are subject to change.**