



Programs for Women

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**IN THE NAME OF ALLĀH,
THE MOST BENEFICENT,
THE MOST MERCIFUL.**

Jami'ā Falah al-Darayn (WOMEN'S BRANCH)

Jāmi'a Falāḥ al-Dārayn, at Islamic Center for Centerville (ICC), has been offering various Islāmic educational courses for men and women alike. Educational courses for women were initiated in Nov. 2019 and have continued to benefit a great number of women in the community. These courses aim to nurture enriched spirituality along with a strong foundation in Islāmic knowledge.

Courses that we have successfully offered include: 'Ālimah program, Essential Islāmic Studies and Qur'ān Program. The 'Ālimah program, in its first batch, had ten students who were diligently trained in the Arabic language and introductory modules of Islāmic scholarly disciplines. The course proceeded successfully in the year, and classes continued online despite the COVID-19 pandemic. The students will be delving deeper into the advanced Islāmic disciplines as they continue the second level of the course this year.

Essential Islāmic Studies was another popular course we began in 2019. It had two modules: Tafsīr (commentary of Qur'ān) and Fiqh (Islāmic jurisprudence). A number of invaluable lessons were taught in that course and around twenty-five to thirty women were its regular attendees.

The Qur'ān program, which attracted around fifteen students, was another desired course which aimed to train students in the correct pronunciation of Qur'ān as well as memorization.

In addition to the educational courses, we also combined educational and social events, giving women a chance to learn as well as interact with other women, such as the "Understanding Hijab" workshop, wherein we covered academic and practical issues pertaining to the Hijab, along with a skit performance and quiz on Hijab making it a fun-filled day enjoyed by over fifty women.

Our courses and educational events will continue this year, In-Shā' Allāh, with increased effort and fervor, hoping to benefit an even greater number of women in the community.



Message from Our Team

كُونُوا رَبَّانِيِّينَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تُعَلِّمُونَ الْكِتَابَ وَبِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَدْرُسُونَ (آل عمران 79)

"Become people of the Lord by spreading the knowledge of the divine Book, and by your own deep study [thereof]."

Allāh ﷻ says in the Qur'ān that we can become 'the people of Allāh' by, first gaining and then, spreading the knowledge of the Qur'ān and the principles of Sharī'ah, and also by deeply reflecting and pondering upon it. At another place in the Qur'ān, it comes,

إِنَّمَا يَخْشَى اللَّهَ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ (فاطر 28)

"Only those among His slaves who are knowledgeable are the ones who fear Allāh ﷻ."

This means that the more we will increase in knowledge ('ilm) of Islām, the more we will be able to gain taqwā and become conscious of Allāh ﷻ. Additionally, many more virtues of acquiring Islāmic knowledge have been related to us by the Prophet ﷺ. The Prophet ﷺ is reported to have said, *"The best among you are those who learn Qur'ān and teach it to others."* He ﷺ has also said,

مَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ بِهِ خَيْرًا يُفَقِّهْهُ فِي الدِّينِ (متفق عليه)

"If Allāh ﷻ intends goodness for someone, He gives him understanding of the religion."

All these narrations give us a passion to dedicate ourselves to Islāmic learning.

Unfortunately, there are very few institutes in North America that offer opportunities to gain Islāmic scholarly learning, which will enable the youth to become the leaders of Muslim communities. Basic Islāmic education is available widely in the form of weekend schools, however thorough and comprehensive study of the Islāmic tradition is rarely undertaken nowadays. Therefore, there is a dire and impending need for our youth to acquire Islāmic scholarly training.

It is even more important for Muslim women to undertake religious studies in this day and age so they may not only benefit themselves but also benefit their families and societies. Muslim women should passionately take up the golden legacy of female Islāmic scholarship which started from the time of Ṣaḥābiyāt (may Allāh be pleased with them) and spanned fields of Qur'ān, Ḥadīth, Fiqh, and many more.

To fulfill this urgent and critical need of our community, Jāmi'a Falāḥ at ICC is taking this important step by offering advanced Islāmic studies to women of all ages. Our focus is to train Muslim women in Islāmic sciences so they may become capable of benefiting and leading their respective societies.

Programs Offered

1) 'Ālimah Program

A 3-year program entailing the study of classical disciplines of Islāmic knowledge including Tafsīr of Qur'ān, Ḥadīth, Fiqh, Uṣūl al-Fiqh and classical Arabic grammar and literature.

- Timings: TBD, every Saturday & Sunday
- Fees: \$150/month
- Ages: 15 and above

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2) Qur'ān Program for Girls

A course designed to train young girls in proper recitation of Qur'ān with correct pronunciation (Tajwīd), as well as memorization (Ḥifẓ). This program will also cover basic Islamic education and etiquette, knowledge of which is crucially important for young generation of Muslims.

- Timings: TBD, every Saturday & Sunday
- Fees: \$100/month. Discounts available for families (i.e. two or more students of same household)
- Ages: 6 and above

3) Essential Islamic Studies for Adults

A course covering the entire Tafsīr of Qur'ān and Fiqh of worship including Ṣalāh, Ṣawm, Zakāt, Ḥajj. This program is tailored for adults and elderly ladies. Those women who cannot attend the 'Ālimah program are encouraged to attend this lighter course in order to attain essential Islāmic knowledge that will assist them in their daily lives.

- Timings: TBD, every Sunday
- Fees: \$30/month
- Ages: 18 and above

‘Ālimah Program

This three-year weekend intensive program is designed for serious students who wish to learn extensive and detailed knowledge of the classical Islāmic tradition. The program focuses on teaching the traditional disciplines of Dīn including Tafsīr of Qur’ān, Ḥadīth, Fiqh, Uṣūl al-Fiqh and classical Arabic grammar and literature in addition to many more disciplines.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this program, the student should be able to:

- Gain proficiency in reading and understanding classical Arabic language and literature;
- Possess deeper knowledge and understanding of the Nuṣūṣ (Qur’ān & Ḥadīth);
- Understand the foundations and principles that govern the Sharī‘ah (Fiqh & Uṣūl);
- Gain in-depth understanding of the spiritual, legal, and social aspects of the Islāmic scholarly tradition;
- Gain the ability to impart and spread what the student has learned during this program.

Pre-requisites of Admission

- All classes will be conducted in English. Therefore, the student must be able to read, write, and understand the English language.
- Since most of the books in this program are in Arabic, the student should be familiar with Arabic reading, and have a basic foundation in the recitation of Qur’ān.
- This program requires dedication on the part of the student, as it is weekend-intensive.
- Students should also ensure punctuality in order to fully benefit.
- Students should at least be 15 years old.

Course fee is \$150/month that includes the lunch cost.

Details of the ‘Ālimah Program

COURSE BOOKS

Year 1

- Translation and Commentary of Juz 30
- Tajwīd & Ḥifẓ of Selected Sūrahs
- Translation and Commentary of Zād al-Ṭālibīn (Provisions for the Seekers)
- Durūs al-Lughat al-‘Arabiyyah
- Ṣarf (Arabic Morphology)
- al-Qirā’at al-Rāshidah (Literature)
- Sīrah of Prophet ﷺ

Year 2

- Tafsīr of Juz 20-29
- Riyāḍ al-Ṣaliḥīn
- Mukhtaṣar al-Qudūrī
- Muṣṭalaḥ al-Ḥadīth
- al-Sirājī fī al-Mīrāth
- Taysīr Uṣūl al-Fiqh
- al-‘Aqīdah al-Ṭaḥāwīyyah
- al-Naḥw al-Wāḍiḥ & Practice
- Ṣuwar min Ḥayāt al-Ṣaḥābah
- Dīwān al-Imām al-Shāfi‘ī

Year 3

Advanced studies of Qur’ān, Ḥadīth & Fiqh



‘Ālimah Program Testimonials

My experience studying in the Alimah program at ICC has been very good and beneficial to me. When I started in January, I was unfamiliar with everything and I did not know much about anything. After starting the program, a lot of things make sense. I feel that I am improving in all of the subjects and am able to connect them together and bring them into my life. The program has brought me closer to Allah. I have started to work hard to make sure that I complete everything I need to do for the program and that I do everything I need to do as a Muslim. So far, I have learned a lot from my teachers. I have gained good habits and lost many bad ones. Before I began this course, I was very different than how I am now. Even small things have made such a big difference in my life. Just remembering to do dhikr is such a big takeaway from this class. Learning about the benefits of certain surahs has motivated me to read them more, and I remember ahadith frequently throughout my days. This course has even benefited me in ways that are not necessarily Islamic. It has helped me to manage my time in an efficient way and taught me not to procrastinate. It has helped me to improve my study habits. I have even started to help others in my household. I am starting to be able to answer questions people have. My overall mannerisms have also changed. Overall my experience in this program has helped me grow as a person and I hope I continue to learn in this class.

-Hajira Syed

It's been amazing,
allhumdulillah, I really love it
and so far I've improved a lot.
-Abrish Bokhari

Assalamu alaikum, i have had a good time studying the Alimah program. It has been a really educative experience that has helped me so far on improving my Arabic, also helped me in understanding more of the quran and being able to use my knowledge of sarf and Arabic to be able to figure out what the verses mean. I have learnt a lot if islamic knowledge such as hadith that has helped me strengthen my iman Alhamdulillah. I am really grateful for being in this program. Jazakillah khairan.

- Fatima Abu

‘Ālimah Program Testimonials

As a student studying in the Alimah Program, I would say I grew from my experience the most. From the start of this new semester, I notice differences in studying habits, class etiquette, and implying what I learn in each and every class. In January, I was unable to fully grasp and understand what all these subjects do and what they mean to me in my daily life. But as I figured out what works best for me when taking notes or when revising/studying, I slowly was able to connect the dots on how I can imply this to daily life. It can imply to me in many ways such as the small emphasis of hadith's teaching helping me understand the day to day situations, to small things I can pick up in the Quran from Arabic or Sarf, to reciting a surah during my salah realizing I understand the context and meaning behind it. Overall studying the ilm of Allah (swt) makes me feel more grounded and happy knowing it is helping me get closer to and love Allah (swt) more in my heart and it will continue to help me grow as a person as I also try my best to spread what I learn to my friends and family.

-Heba Fatima

I have really enjoyed studying in the Alimah program alhumdullilah. The teachers are extremely hardworking, understanding, intelligent, and caring. They have made it so that we never have to be scared to ask a question or for help, which I really appreciate. They have also provided the flexibility and instruction to help me learn my very best alhumdullilah. They ensured that I would be able to do both Alimah and my school work, which was very supportive. I have also learned a great deal through this program. I have gained valuable Ilm that I hope to be able to pass on to future generations. I have been able to improve my Arabic immensely, and even when I do mess up my teachers are always there to help and guide me. They have created a comfortable learning environment that helps all the students learn and grow. This program has helped me not only gain academic knowledge, but has also made me a better person and Muslim alhumdullilah. We are also taught Tarbiyya, which has helped me become kinder and a better student. Furthermore, I met many kind and like minded girls through the program who have become my close friends. Overall, this has been a great experience and I recommend it to all young women. I look forward to continuing the course inshallah!

-Sarah Syed

Admission Process

- Interested applicants for 'Ālimah program may either fill out the application form online at ICC website or directly at <https://forms.gle/BYGMUBjX6wFy3QYA9>
- To register for Qur'ān Program or EIS, contact via email / phone.
- Note that seats for *Qur'ān Program* and *'Ālimah Program* are limited to 20 and 15 respectively. There is no limit on seats for the *EIS* program.
- Admission is on first-come-first-serve basis! Kindly do not delay the enrollment, as the admissions will close after 15 students are confirmed for the 'Ālimah Program and 20 students for the Qur'ān Program.
- After you submit the application, you will be notified via email about acceptance of enrollment. If your enrollment is accepted, then, in order to ensure your complete admission you will need to pay the first month's fee within 7 calendar days of receiving the acceptance email.
- In case of non-payment of first month's fee within 7 days of enrollment acceptance notice, your admission will be cancelled.

Fee Structure

'Ālimah Program **\$150/month**

Qur'ān Program **\$100/month (Discounts avail. for families)**

Essential Islamic Studies **\$30/month**

Methods of Fee Payment

Course fees can be paid by any of the following options

1. Checks payable to Islamic Center of Centerville Inc.
2. Quick pay Zelle® at islamic.centerville@gmail.com
3. Online pay at the ICC website [You can also set up auto monthly deduction on this link] <https://www.masjidicc.com>
4. Cash at the Masjid office desk

Regardless of your choice of above, please make sure to include student's name and program enrolled-in when making payments.

Important Dates

Course Orientation:

Date-TBA, January 2021

First Day of Classes: January 9th, 2021

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