

# Programs for Women

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THE MOST BENEFICENT,  
THE MOST MERCIFUL.**



# Falāḥ Seminary

## (WOMEN'S BRANCH)

Falāḥ Seminary at Islamic Center for Centerville (ICC), has been offering various Islāmic educational courses for men and women alike. In particular, 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 has proceeded successfully over the past three years. The program currently has three batches, consisting of fifteen students who have been diligently trained in the Arabic language and various modules of Islāmic scholarly disciplines. In the new academic year, the students will be delving deeper into the advanced Islāmic disciplines as they continue with their studies. Other courses previously offered also benefited many women in the community as they were taught Tajwid, Tafsir and Fiqh in detail.

In addition to the educational courses, we also combined academic and social events, giving women a chance to learn as well as build a sisterhood, 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. This year, new courses and programs will be initiated with the aim of furthering an improvement in terms of spirituality as well as education in the female community. These include: Foundations - a 6-month certificate course teaching Tafsir, Hadith, Fiqh and Sirah, and Spiritual Halaqas for women, which will focus on various life lessons and topics of spirituality aiming to help develop an improved relationship with our Lord.





# 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, Falāḥ Seminary at ICC is taking this important step by offering basic and 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 4-year program entailing the detailed study of classical disciplines of Islāmic knowledge including Tafsīr of Qur'ān, Ḥadīth, Fiqh, Uṣūl al-Fiqh and classical Arabic grammar and literature.

- **Timings:** TBA, every Saturday & Sunday
- **Fees:** \$150/month
- **Ages:** 14 and above

\*See next page for details

## 2) Foundations

A 6-month certificate course designed to provide Islamic learning to women in the community, especially those who feel they may not be able to dedicate themselves to the more advanced Alimah program. This program will also cover basic Islamic education and etiquette, including Tafsīr, Ḥadīth, Fiqh and Sirah.

- **Timings:** TBA, every Saturday & Sunday
- **Fees:** \$100/month
- **Ages:** 16 and above

\*More details will follow

## 3) Spiritual Halaqas for Women

Spiritual talks for women on various topics such as love for Allah and the Messenger ﷺ, iman, dhikr, taqwa, haya etc. The primary focus of these talks will be to cover practical tips on how to progress spiritually and come closer to Allah.

- **Timings:** TBA, every Saturday
- **Fees:** Free of cost
- **Ages:** Open to women of all ages



# ‘Ālimah Program

This four-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 14 years old.

**Course fee is \$150/month**



# Details of the ‘Ālimah Program

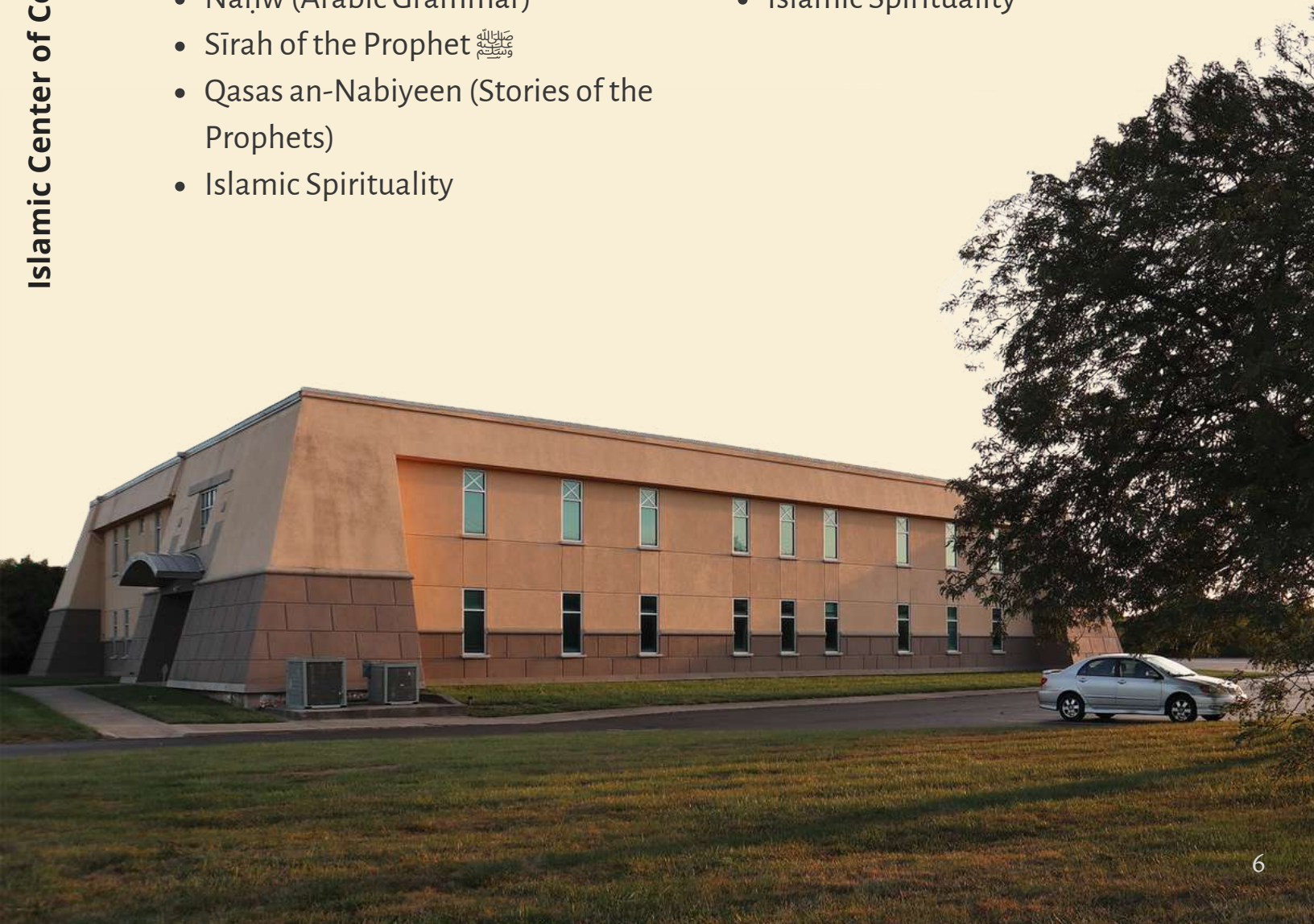
## COURSE MODULES

### Year 1

- Translation and Commentary of Juz 30
- Tajwīd & Ḥifẓ of Selected Sūrahs
- Translation and Commentary of Zād al-Ṭālibīn (Provisions for the Seekers)
- Fiqh
- Ṣarf (Arabic Morphology)
- Naḥw (Arabic Grammar)
- Sīrah of the Prophet ﷺ
- Qasas an-Nabiyeen (Stories of the Prophets)
- Islamic Spirituality

### Year 2

- Tafsīr
- Riyāḍ al-Ṣaliḥīn
- Mukhtaṣar al-Qudūrī
- al-‘Aqīdah al-Ṭaḥāwiyyah
- Advanced Arabic Grammar
- al-Naḥw al-Wāḍiḥ & Practice
- al-Qirā’at al-Rāshidah
- At-Tibyan fi Ulum il Qur’an
- Islamic Spirituality



# Details of the ‘Ālimah Program

## COURSE MODULES

### Year 3

- Tafsīr
- Mishkat al-Masabih
- Al-Hidayah
- Usul ul Shashi
- Muṣṭalaḥ al-Ḥadīth
- al-Sirājī fī al-Mīrāth
- Ṣuwar min Ḥayāt al-Ṣaḥābah
- Islamic Spirituality

### Year 4

- Advanced books of Tafsir and Ḥadīth:
  - Safwat at Tafasir
  - Sahih Bukhari
  - Sahih Muslim
  - Sunan Abu Dawud
  - Jami Tirmidhi





## ‘Ālimah Program Testimonials

I would describe my experience in the Alimah program in two words, “worth it “. Yes, learning a whole new language is scary. It can be hard and it can feel no matter how hard you try you are unable to improve. The hours writing girdaans practicing for your exam, reviewing the rulings of various Hadith, or how much your brain is exhausted going over your fiqh notes, the end is always worth it. Signing up for this program can be nerve wrecking but out of anything I have learned, the adab and learning how to be a Muslim is what I am most grateful for. What I take away the most from these past three years. The changes I have seen in myself from first year me to now third year me, it is why I stay in, to become a better Muslim ready to strive for Allah’s (swt) pleasure.

I am constantly keeping myself in check each class to assure I am following the path of the Muslim I wanna be... but when I see how I have changed for the better and how I portray myself to others to better represent the muslimah I wanna become, I say it was all worth it. Alhamdullilah this program has been a blessing to my life. A beautiful gift Allah (swt) let me find and provided such patient, understanding, kind, loving, and welcoming teachers to teach us this beautiful deen.

-Heba Fatima

Great, alhumdulilah  
-Shukri Omar

My experience as part of the Aalimah program has benefited me a lot and Insha Allah will continue to benefit me for the rest of my life. I have continuously found myself using the knowledge being taught to me in everyday life. Seeking Ilm and having a strong relationship with Allah is very important. This program has made me to have a better understanding of my deen and a closer relationship with Allah, Alhamdulilah.

- Fatima Abu

## ‘Ālimah Program Testimonials

*The Alimah Program is responsible for a great change and progression in my life, Alhamdulillah! My experience at the Alimah Program has been positive and very successful. We have great teachers that love to help and give their utmost. And the relationship between us as students is like a sisterhood relationship! I learned so much from this wonderful course and I strive to continue and become a teacher some day too, in shaa Allah. Not solely that we study, but we also spend good times with each other and go on picnics occasionally. I totally recommend this course for anybody that wishes to join and learn about our perfect religion, Islam, for the sake of Allah ta'alah. It would be a magnificent step that a person might decide to take!* **- Asmaa AlDougheim**

*Allhumdulillah the alimah program has truly been a blessing in disguise. The beauty behind the program is that you never know the treasure of it until after you've started. The more you learn about your religion, the more you love it. And that's exactly what this program does. It creates an opportunity for women to prioritize/balance out the importance of learning deen with the dunya. Just like anything in life, it requires hard work and patience but when you do something for the sake of allah, he makes it easier for you. The program also teaches Islam in such a beautiful way that often times get ruined by culture, so seeing it be beautifully taught helps strengthen love for Islam for many individuals who sadly did not get the chance to experience the virtues of Islam really is.* **-Abrish Bokhari**

*My experience studying in the Alimah Program has been great so far, I've learned so much and I plan to continue learning much more. Even though I'm first year, the Program has helped me become a better Muslim and a better person. I truly enjoy the people there, my teachers are people who I look up to and my classmates are kind. I cannot stress enough how much the Alimah Program has changed me in so many good ways.* **- Fatimah Alchiko**



## ‘Ālimah Program Testimonials

*My experience in the Alimah program has been good Alhamdulillah so far. I have learnt so much new stuff that has been beneficial to me. I love Arabic and learning about Islam it makes me so happy. I appreciate my teachers and they do a good job mashaallah. You can always learn more about Deen and I love learning it from the Alimah program.*

*- Faiza Yusuf*

*My years studying in the Alimah program has been one of the best times. The atmosphere is very calming the teachers do everything they can to make one of the most knowledgeable students we can be I am so thankful to my teachers and friends for always believing in me helping me out when I needed it the most.*

*- Dilnoza Torakhodjaeva*

*I am eternally grateful to Allah SWT for giving me this chance to enter the Alimah program. I have been in the program for about 3 years now and it has been an amazing experience. I've got to learn about a variety of things I would've never known about without this amazing opportunity. When I first joined the course I was doubting the choice I had made, since it was so difficult, but as I proceeded through the course, and faced minor hardships I realized what a great blessing it was to have Allah SWT give me this splendid opportunity. This course has made me realize how much more there is to the deen, and how bigger, better, and beautiful Islam is. The Alimah program has truly changed my life in more ways than one, and it has been a fantastic experience.*

*-Humaira Munshi*



# Admission Process

- Interested applicants for 'Ālimah program may either fill out the application form online at ICC website or directly at <https://forms.gle/vgJn8ViRPn82jE8i7>
- Note that seats for the 'Ālimah Program are limited to 15.
- 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.
- After you submit the application, we will correspond with you regarding the interview. You will be notified via email about acceptance after the interview. 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

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'Ālimah Program	\$150/month
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## 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](mailto: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.



# Foundations

- A 6-month certificate course to learn the foundational aspects of Islamic learning, especially designed to cater to the needs of young students, working professionals and mothers who may not be able to dedicate themselves to the more advanced Alimah program.

## Course Modules

- Tafsir of the last 20 Surahs
- 40 Hadith & commentary
- Fiqh of Taharah & Salah
- Sirah of the Prophet

## Class details

- Classes: Saturday & Sunday
- Timings: TBA
- Seats are limited to 25
- Certificates will be provided upon successful completion.

- Register now on: <https://forms.gle/NxYHhCtRwBD1g4ru8>

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# Important Dates

*Program Orientation:*

**Date-TBA, January 2023**

**First Day of Classes: January 28, 2023**

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