

PART-TIME AALIM PROGRAM

Higher Islamic Education

What is this Program?

The Part-Time Aalim Program, commonly known as the 'alim course,' is a course that has been introduced worldwide proving exponential benefit in preserving and spreading the sacred sciences of Islam. Completed in its entirety, the certification awarded is equivalent to a B.A. and M.A. in Advanced Islamic studies, and the student graduates as a certified Islamic Scholar.

The program is designed to successfully educate and empower students to reach a high academic understanding in Arabic, Jurisprudence, Hadith, Creed, Quran, Exegeses, and all necessary principles connected to Islam, along with keeping a strong interaction with authorized Islamic scholars. This rigorous training helps create individuals capable of leading communities and safeguarding current and future generations from modern and traditional challenges in practicing the full Islam.

Why was this program created?

In today's world, we face unprecedented challenges that highlight the need for authentic scholars with deep knowledge of Islam and a profound understanding of modern Muslim societies. Although the Aalimiyya studies are not new, their importance has never been greater. The modern age of technology has made false information about Islam more accessible and widespread, creating an urgent need for well-trained individuals who can provide accurate guidance. There are also countless influencers and social media users who pass flawed Islamic rulings, potentially leading thousands astray.

Our Aalim Program is designed to formally train and educate talented individuals from our communities, ensuring they master all areas of Sharia. These scholars will be equipped to counter misinformation and meet the unique needs of Muslims in North America, serving as guides, mentors, and educators for our growing communities.

What is achieved by the Program?

The Licence in Islamic Scholarship is the most distinguished degree awarded by Al-Ihsan institute and can be likened to post-graduate degrees awarded in the Canadian education system. After successfully completing the final exams, students will graduate from the Institute as an 'Alim or 'Alimah in full, with a portfolio of *isnad* and *ijazah* collected over the years studying with the Institute. Therefore obtaining the *Shahadah Aalamiyyah* (proof of Islamic scholarship).

How is this an Accredited Program?

The *Shahadah Alamiyyah* is a global wide program. Thus graduates from this program with their total of 180 credits will be recognized as scholars and will be eligible to continue their Islamic studies in one of many Islamic institutes and universities throughout the world, should they wish to do so. The graduates will also receive transcripts and testimony on behalf of institute as aid in their future pursuit for knowledge.

How does the Program Run?

Course Load and Schedule:

PTAP is divided into two segments: the first segment consists of five years of part-time study; while in the second a student is required to dedicate an additional two years to full-time study locally or abroad.

The first segment's schedule runs Tuesday to Sunday:

- Tue-Thu: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- Fri: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Sat: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
- Sun 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

All courses in Years 1-3 are required. Students will have elective options from Year 3 onwards.

Attendance Options

- All Lower Mainland students residing in any of Surrey, Delta, Cloverdale, Langley, Abbotsford, Richmond, New Westminster, Burnaby, Vancouver, North/West Vancouver or close by surrounding areas will be required to attend all classes on-site at the Al-Ihsan Centre in Surrey, BC.
- Students residing outside of these areas will be granted online access to all classes.
- Local students may request online attendance when needed and is subject to the administration's approval.

Application Requirements:

The Aalim Program is challenging, requires serious dedication, and is not suitable for everyone. All applicants will be interviewed to determine their eligibility and suitability. Students are also expected to be equipped with strong work ethics:

- Open to brothers and sisters ages 16+
- Desire to learn the sacred sciences of Islam
- Basic ability to read the Quranic Arabic language
- Availability in schedule
- Punctuality and Seriousness

Tuition

- There is a one-time non-Refundable \$45 CAD application fee
- Regular Tuition is \$250/month
- Students/Seniors qualify for 15% discount
- Lump sum payments for one year or more qualify for 10% discount
- These offers cannot be combined
- Tuition is due per term.
- First month's tuition is required to confirm registration and is due upon receiving your offer of acceptance. Tuition is due on a per-term basis.
- There is a two-week trial period at the start of each term. Students wishing to withdraw within this period may do so and will receive \$75 refund from the total term tuition.
- Financial aid options are available. Please contact us.

Contact

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