



QURAN MEMORIZATION PROGRAM

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INFORMATIONAL PACKET AND APPLICATION

*"And We have made the
Qur'an easy to remember, but
will anyone take heed?"*

The Holy Qur'an - 54:17



*"It will be said to the companions of the
Quran [on the Day of Judgment],
'Read and increase in status, recite as
you used to recite in the world, for your
status [in Paradise] will be at the last
verse you recite.'"*

Saying of the Prophet Muhammad
(may Allah bless him and give him peace)

– related by Tirmidhi



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INTRODUCTION

The heart and essence of our Islamic teaching is contained in the Quran which Muslims believe to be the word of Allah and the key to our success in this life and the next. Traditionally, in Islamic societies, children memorized the Quran before receiving other education. This oral tradition allowed for the Quran's preservation in the hearts of millions of Muslims for over 1400 years. Consistent with our vision of establishing a strong and well-educated community, this program will allow us to raise a generation of children who have completely memorized our Book of Guidance. We also hope this program will cause Allah's blessings to descend upon our community and instill a love of the Quran in its students.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the Annoor Academy Quran Program are for its students to be able to recite the Quran with proper recitation (*tajwid*) and to memorize the entire Quran. On average, it is expected for students in this program to complete memorization anywhere from one year to five years. Completion time largely depends on the devotion of the students *and* their parents. Ultimately, one completes memorization whenever Allah wills. Through the blessing of the majestic words of Allah, we ultimately want the students of this program to increase their love, devotion and way of life in accordance with the Quran and the practices of our beloved master Muhammad, *sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam*.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

The memorization program is catered for Middle and High school students. We may make some exceptions based on the evaluation of the student. Class is open to both male and female students. Adherence to Annoor Academy's dress code and etiquette (*adab*) code will be required of all students. Students and their parents will be acquainted with the details of these codes in an orientation session before the Fall semester begins, insha Allah. Students in the memorization program will be accepted based on the observation and evaluation conducted by Hafiz Noman Zaheer during and after a mandatory interview session.

CLASS SCHEDULE & LOCATION

Classes will be held in a dedicated room for the memorization program at Annoor Academy. The final schedule of the classes is pending and will be shared during the orientation session of this program once the students have been accepted into the program. On Mondays through Thursdays, four hours will be dedicated to Quran memorization and three hours will be dedicated to academic studies. On Fridays, two hours will be dedicated to Islamic studies and three hours will be dedicated to academic studies.

QURAN MEMORIZATION METHOD

Students in the Quran memorization program will be required to recite a new portion of the Quran at the beginning of class each morning. After they recite their new lesson, they will review and recite all the previous lessons in the *juz* (one part of the thirty parts of the Quran) their lesson is in. Thereafter, each student will be required to recite half a *juz* of previous sections of the Quran that have already memorized. This rigorous and centuries-old traditional method of Quran memorization structure is proven to be highly effective and efficient.

The Quran memorization program is year-round; there will be short vacations given at the beginning and end of summer and there will also be a winter break. The orientation package that will be given to students upon their acceptance into the program will provide more information about the holidays.

ISLAMIC CURRICULUM

An Islamic curriculum will be designed specifically for the Quran memorization students. The curriculum will be divided into two levels: middle school level and high school level. Hafiz Noman Zaheer will be teaching the Islamic curriculum for this program. Shaykh Mohammed Amin Kholwadia, the Director and Founder of www.DarulQasim.org will be advising Hafiz Noman Zaheer on the establishment of an Islamic curriculum for the Quran memorization program. The orientation package will cover the details of this curriculum.



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ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

Annoor Academy will serve the role of a counselor and guide for parents and students of the Quran memorization program. Based on the research of Annoor Academy academic staff, the following academic programs come highly recommended for parents to use for their child/children:

1. K12 (www.k12.com) – Not accredited, all grade levels
2. Laurel Springs (online.laurelsprings.com) – Accredited, all grade levels
3. Keystone (www.keystoneschoolonline.com) – Accredited, middle & high school only
4. American School (<http://www.americanschoolofcorr.com/>) – Accredited, high school only
5. Select any homeschooling program you are most comfortable with

Annoor Academy will assist the parents by helping them decide which academic program is best for each student. Every day of the school week, Annoor Academy will provide an Academic Guide (Margie Abdelrazek, Ph.D.) to assist students in their studies/curriculum two to three hours a day for free.

Annoor Academy and its staff are not liable or accountable for the students' academic performance. The Academic Guide will assist/guide all the students to the best of her ability to ensure students are adhering & understanding the curriculum and material according to the academic model they are following, insha Allah. Parents can choose to take advantage of this free service or alternatively teach/guide the student themselves.

If you have any questions regarding the academic program, please email principal@annooracademy.net

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The deadline for submitting the application is **May 31st, 2011**. The application fee is **\$50 per applicant/student** and must be paid in full with the application form. Please make checks payable to "Annoor Academy". The completed applications and check/cash must be submitted to Annoor Academy's front desk/administrator or mailed to: **724 Foxvue Road Knoxville, TN 37922** with the application form.

Students **cannot** be admitted into the school without submitting an application. All students must have their applications filled out by their parents or guardian (program is for students 18 years old and under). Applicants will be notified of their status soon after the applications have been submitted.

FEES

DESCRIPTION	COST	PERIOD
Application Fee	\$50	One-time
Memorization/Islamic Studies Program fees	\$400	Monthly
Annual Academic Curriculum Fee*	\$500-\$3000	Annually (Fall)

*Please note that the annual academic fee is determined by the academic curriculum/program selected and also the grade-level of the student.

PROGRAM PRESENTATION

There will be an open community presentation for the Quran memorization program on **May 27th, 2011** (4 days prior to the registration deadline), insha Allah. We will dedicate a Q & A session after the presentation to answer any questions you may have.

REQUIREMENT TO BEGIN CLASSES

The Quran memorization class is limited to only fifteen students (male & female). In the case that we have more than fifteen applications, acceptance in the program is **not** based on a first-come-first-serve basis. Course acceptance will be based on the merit of one's application and upon the judgment of the teacher through a mandatory interview process with the student/parents.

It must be clarified that the program initiation will begin in Fall 2011 once **ten students** who are able to make the entire monthly payment have been accepted. If the quota of ten students is not fulfilled, the application fee will be reimbursed and the program will not be able to commence in Fall 2011.



ABOUT THE QURAN MEMORIZATION INSTRUCTOR

Hafiz Noman Zaheer was born in Pakistan and raised in Hong Kong. In 1996, Hafiz Noman completed memorization of the Quran with a certification in tajweed (Quranic recitation). Since 1997, he has been in the United States as a Quran memorization and tajweed teacher in Texas and Tennessee. His memorization and tajweed certification is in the *Hafs* style of Quran recitation, though he is also obtaining his *ijaza* (certification) in the seven qira'at (styles) under the tutelage of Mufti Umer Ibrahim of Austin, Texas. Hafiz Noman founded and currently manages and teaches at the Ibn Masud School of Quran Education at Annoor Masjid in Knoxville, Tennessee. He also serves as a volunteer khateeb in addition to his day job in Aviation Workflow Management for a major Airline. In addition to his extensive involvement with community activities, he is also a student of Shaykh Mohammed Amin Kholwadia, the Director of the Chicago-based www.DarulQasim.org. He currently resides in Knoxville with his wife and son.

ABOUT THE ACADEMIC GUIDE

Margie Abdelrazek was born and raised in Knoxville, Tennessee. In 1996, she completed her undergraduate degree in Physics and French at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She then completed her masters and doctorate degree in Physics at the Florida State University in 2001. During 2005 – 2006, she taught physics at Walters State Community College. Since 2006, she has been teaching physics at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. In addition to her university teaching duties, she also teaches tajweed at the Ibn Masud School of Quran Education and tutors privately. She currently resides in Knoxville with her husband and son.

QUESTIONS?

For more information, please email Quran@annooracademy.net



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ANNOOR ACADEMY QURAN MEMORIZATION PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

(This form must be signed by a parent or guardian)

STUDENT

*First Name: _____ MI: _____ *Last Name: _____

*Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____
Month Day Year

*Address: _____

*City: _____ *State: _____ *Zip Code: _____

*Parent First Name: _____ *Parent Last Name: _____

PHONE NUMBERS AND E-MAIL

*Home: (____) ____ - ____ Work: (____) ____ - ____ Cell: (____) ____ - ____

*E-mail Address: 1. _____ 2. _____

* *required fields*

QUR'ANIC BACKGROUND – PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

1. Is the student fluent in reading the Quran? Yes No Intermediate
2. Has the applicant read the Quran in its entirety? Yes No
3. What is the applicant's level of *tajwīd*? Beginner Intermediate Advanced
4. How many *Ajza*, or part of a *Juz* has the applicant memorized? _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION – PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY

In case of emergency, please contact:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home: (____) ____ - ____ Work: (____) ____ - ____ Cell: (____) ____ - ____

Relationship to student: _____

MEDICAL ISSUES / ALLERGIES – PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY

Please list any medical conditions the student may have:

Waiver: I have read and understood the information packet attached to this application. I understand that the student is expected to take the program seriously. I also understand that Annoor Academy of Knoxville (AAK), the Teachers or the Administrator will not be held responsible for any accidents, injuries or damages that occur during the student's participation in the AAK Quran Memorization Program. I also understand that submitting this application and the application fee (non-refundable unless the program does not initiate) does not guarantee acceptance into the AAK Quran Memorization Program.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



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