

Zaid Lites

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Graduate of distinguished Islamic university aspiring to attain a position as a Quranic studies leader where I can maximize and further develop my training experience and expertise and contribute to fostering Islamic values in students.

QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

Islamic Education: A strong desire for learning, practicing, and teaching *'ilm* (Islamic knowledge). Studied intensively the classical Islamic sciences and disciplines, including: *Tawheed*, *Tafseer*, *Tajweed*, *Hadeeth*, *Fiqh*, *Usool al-Fiqh*, and other enlightening sacred disciplines.

Arabic Language: Proficient in Arabic. Studied extensively the different aspects of the Arabic language; including grammar, morphology, literature, and rhetoric.

Quran: Passionate about the need to focus more on the purpose of understanding the Quran in order to be rightly guided as opposed to mere memorization without meaning, value, and comprehension; as the latter leads to misguidance. Promote guidance and unity by comprehension, reflection, and implementation of the Quran based upon the Prophet's (may Allah grant him peace and honor) and his Companions' (may Allah be pleased with them) understanding of the Quran. Opposed to division and misguidance caused by deviant ideologies and misinterpretations that were latter introduced by heretical sects. Proficient in proper recitation, enunciation, and method of memorization of the Quran.

Instruction: Experience teaching Islamic studies, Arabic, and Quran to various age groups, focusing on language acquisition, character rectification, and spiritual development.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Islamic Laws (2010) Islamic University of Madinah	Madinah, Saudi Arabia
Certificate of <i>Ijaazah</i> in Quran (2008) The Prophet's Masjid	Madinah, Saudi Arabia
Arabic Language Diploma (2005) Arabic Language Institute	Madinah, Saudi Arabia
Longview Community College (1999-2002)	Lee's Summit, Missouri
El Paso Community College (1998)	El Paso, Texas

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Imam (Director of Religious Affairs) Islamic Center of Savannah, July 2011- Current	Savannah, GA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lead congregation in prayers and present sermons.Educate and motivate congregation in religious duties.Islamic Law consultant	
Islamic Weekend School Teacher & Principal Islamic Center of Savannah, July 2012-Current	Savannah, GA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Instruct, encourage, and mentor youth in Islamic StudiesPerform administrative duties and supervise Islamic weekend school operations	
Private Quran and Arabic Tutor (2010-Current)	Kansas City, MO & Savannah, GA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Occasionally tutor, while promoting self-paced progress and development.	
Imam (Director of Religious Affairs) Masjid al-Ghurabaa', March 2010-October 2010	Kansas City, MO
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assist in fostering self-empowerment and character rectification through educational programs.Involved in promoting understanding and cooperation amongst congregation.	

Zaid Lites is not deserving of merit. That which is stated herein of qualifications, education, and experience, are purely from the blessings of Allah. Indeed Allah is worthy of all praise.

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Islamic Studies Teacher Al-Rawdah Institute, November 2010-January 2011

Overland Park, KS

- Instruct, encourage, and mentor youth in Islamic Studies weekend program
- Organize and prepare lesson plans
- Work with fellow teachers and administration in enhancing the institute's programs and services