Summer 2021
Classes & Programs

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What is SeekersGuidance Canada?

SeekersGuidance Canada strives to spread the light of Prophetic knowledge, guidance, and service globally and in our local communities.

We offer classes and programs rooted in mainstream Islamic teachings, offered by qualified scholars, to revive hearts and minds, and benefit humanity—completely free.

Our new centre at 220 Britannia Rd. E. in Mississauga is a professionally designed, beautiful learning space where all people are welcome, and will feel a deep sense of community and connection.

It is our goal to establish a truly global Islamic seminary right here in Canada—a seminary that will (a) facilitate the spread of general Islamic knowledge and guidance in our community; (b) train future scholars, teachers, callers, and empowered activists and (c) educate and inspire committed believers who live, embody, and spread knowledge, guidance, and good in service of God’s creation.

“SeekersGuidance is a beautiful and welcoming space in which one can broaden their faith, delve deep into the vast aspects of religion, and form lasting connections with like minded people. The clarity in which sacred knowledge is taught, and the Prophetic character of the Scholars creates a serene atmosphere of learning that truly needs to be experienced.”

Majed Hargaaya
SeekersGuidance Canada Student
Commit to Continuous Personal Development

This past year has been a challenge for humanity, testing our courage and fortitude in the face of real uncertainty. It is time for us to rise to that challenge, and exemplify the best character to those around ourselves just as our beloved Prophet صلی الله عليه و سلم did, and remain committed to developing our own sound understanding of the basic islamic sciences. This will help us to conduct ourselves in a better way, both in our etiquette with our Creator, and with His creation.

The start of this new summer is a time for optimism and hope, as we know with certainty that “surely with hardship comes ease” (94:5). We need to remain consistent upon remaining optimistic, and seeking what is most pleasing to Allah عز و جل both in these times of difficulty, and in the times of ease when they come. And that understanding of what is most pleasing to Allah عز و جل comes after we dedicate ourselves at least weekly to seeking sound islamic knowledge from qualified scholarship, so that we can steadily grow in wisdom and guidance.

As we reflect on the passing of years, we are also forced to reflect on our own individual state, and uncover the areas that need improvement so that we can then have those areas addressed in the best way possible. We must reflect on how we use our time, so that we use every moment in the most efficient way possible, and in a way that is most pleasing to our Creator. That entails that we have a clear understanding of what our priorities in life are, and that we use our every breath in a purposeful manner.

At SeekersGuidance Canada, we are committed to providing this opportunity of seeking islamic knowledge from qualified teachers to everyone in our local community, as well as to a global audience online. With your health, safety, and overall well being as our foremost priority, we have decided to move our programming to primarily online for the time being. Once it is safe to do so, we look forward to hosting you again at our centre in person for classes.

Look through this program booklet and select class(es) for yourself, by registering online via seekersguidance.org/canada. This will keep you updated about the private Zoom links for your particular class, as well as let you know when the class will be moved back into the centre. By using Zoom, you will also be able to interact with the teacher and ask any questions you have about the material being presented.

May we all continue to strive for personal improvement, and turn ourselves to seeking Allah عز و جل with the utmost sincerity, ameen. If our administration can be of any help to you in your journey to seek sacred knowledge, feel free to reach out to us anytime at sgc@seekersguidance.org.

Shireen Ahmed
Managing Director
SeekersGuidance Canada
Overview of Summer 2021 Classes
Monday May 24 - Sunday August 22, 2021

**General Classes** are designed for Muslims in the community with a basic understanding of the religion. Also suitable for new Muslims.
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all classes will take place **online only**. Register for your course selections via seekersguidance.org/canada to stay informed as to when classes will transition back to in-person attendance at our location. Registrants will also be sent a private link to attend class via the Zoom platform.

### Advanced Classes

Advanced Classes are designed for students of knowledge with the ability to understand classical Arabic texts. Texts are read in Arabic, and explained in English. Permission of the instructor is required to join. Visit our website for class details.
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All classes broadcast online due to COVID-19. Please register via seekersguidance.org/Canada

SPECIAL SATURDAY MONTHLY PROGRAMMING:

FAMILY CIRCLE
(NEW!) The Prophet’s Life for Kids Program
صلى الله عليه وسلم

JUNE 5TH (2:00PM-3:00PM)
Islam Spreads:
The Later Meccan Years

JULY 3RD (2:00PM-3:00PM)
Moving to Medina:
The New Horizon

JULY 31ST (2:00PM-3:00PM)
Building the City of Light

SEEKERS EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAM

This series develops the physical and mental well being of an individual through relevant topics and workshops.

JUNE 12TH (2:00PM-3:30PM)
Mental Health Workshop:
An Islamic Guide to Helping Others Through Crises & Difficult Life Events.

JULY 10TH (2:00PM-3:30PM)
Physical Wellness Workshop:
How to Recover from the Pandemic and Get Back on Track.

AUGUST 7TH (2:00PM-3:30PM)
Arts & Creativity Workshop:
Make at Home Islamic Craft Project
- Vase Painting

MONTHLY CRITICAL ISSUES SEMINARS

Our Monthly Critical Issues Seminars cover critical topics, and important questions many people have today. Each month a new topic is introduced and explored by leading scholars, teachers, and thought leaders.

MAY 29TH (2:00PM-5:00PM)
Transformative Prayer:
Standing Before God with Awe & Reverence

JUNE 26TH (2:00PM-5:00PM)
Living Simple:
Practicing Zuhd in Complex Times

JULY 24TH (2:00PM-5:00PM)
Lessons for Humanity from the Last Sermon

AUGUST 21ST (2:00PM-5:00PM)
Book Summary:
Abu Ghuddah’s The Prophet as a Teacher Explained
Community Events

JUNE 19TH  
(2PM-3PM)  
Free Lunch  
Drive Thru*

JULY 17TH  
(10AM-6PM)  
Eid Bazaar

AUGUST 14TH  
(2PM-3PM)  
Free Ice Cream  
Drive Thru*

(** While quantities last, served on a first come first serve; offer available to only each person actually in the car)
GUIDANCE COUNSELLING CLINIC

Do you need to consult someone about your personal situation, or would like to have further recommendations regarding what you should study next? Request an appointment with any of our instructors to gain clarity on your situation. To request an appointment, please email sgc@seekersguidance.org with your availability and which instructor you would like to meet with (see page 10).

QUR’AN COMPLETION PROGRAM FOR NEW READERS

Are you looking for someone to help you finish your first reading of the Qur’an in Arabic on a regular basis? In this new program, we match volunteer teachers with students (of the same gender) to help new readers complete their first reading of the Qur’an. Ideally this would be done on a daily basis after Fajr prayer via phone, but we can strive to accommodate your schedule. This program is open to anyone over the age of 16 only, who resides in the greater Toronto area (GTA), who has not read the Qur’an before in Arabic. If you are willing to volunteer*, or are looking for a personal teacher, please email sgc@seekersguidance.org today.

(* Volunteer teachers must pass through an approval process to be able to teach beginner students.)
WANT TO ATTEND A CLASS OR EVENT, WHILE BENEFITING OTHERS AND EARNING EVEN MORE REWARD FROM ALLAH عز و جل? VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteers are the heart of our organization as they help propel what kinds of events we offer and help in person by helping us to run our classes and events. This is a good opportunity for you to use your spare time in the best of ways and by facilitating benefit for others - as well as for yourself. Any training needed for your position will be provided.

**Volunteer positions include:**
- Student registration
- Event management
- Graphic Design
- Marketing/Outreach of our programs
- Audio/Visual/ Media Operations
- Cleaning/Sanitization of the centre
- Fundraising/Development team

To volunteer, please email sgc@seekersguidance.org with some information about yourself, and indicate in what area you would be interested in volunteering for the most. Your comments and/or suggestions on how we can serve you better are also always appreciated.

**HELP SPREAD BENEFIT WHEN OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS IT MOST-FACILITATE THE CONTINUATION OF GUIDANCE IN OUR COMMUNITY BY DONATING. Every Little Bit Counts!**

Visit us at Seekersguidance.org/canadadonate

BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR TODAY!
Looking for Even More Classes and Programs Which You Can Benefit From?

Visit seekersguidance.org and check out our:

- **ONLINE COURSES**
- **ON DEMAND COURSES**
- **BENEFICIAL PODCASTS**
- **ANSWERS SERVICE**
- **INSIGHTFUL ARTICLES**
Our Teachers

Shaykh Faraz Rabbani
Shaykh Faraz Rabbani is a renowned scholar specializing in Islamic law and theology. He spent ten years studying with some of the leading scholars of recent times, first in Damascus, and then in Amman, Jordan. In 2007 he founded SeekersGuidance: The Global Islamic Seminary. Since 2011, Shaykh Faraz has been named one of the world’s 500 most influential Muslims by the Royal Islamic Strategic Centre. He currently teaches courses in Islamic beliefs, Hanafi law, and Prophetic guidance.

Ustadha Shireen Ahmed
Ustadha Shireen Ahmed is an experienced teacher, educator, and mentor, specializing in marriage, parenting, and character development. Born and raised in Canada, she graduated from the University of Toronto with a B.A. in Psychology and Sociology. Thereafter, she travelled to Syria, studying Arabic and sacred knowledge at the University of Damascus and Abu Nour Institute. She took private classes in Qur’anic recitation, Prophetic traditions, sacred law and Prophetic biography. After ten years abroad, she returned to Toronto, Canada. She currently serves as Managing Director of SeekersGuidance Canada, where she draws from years of experience as a community leader and activist.

Ustadh Ahmad Alquwatly
Ustadh Ahmad Alquwatly was born in Damascus, Syria and as a young boy grew up in Kuwait. He learned Qur’an recitation from his father Alhafiz Mamdouh Alquwatly (who had learned from the Shaykh of Damascus Shaykh Abel Wahhab Dipswazet). Shaykh Ahmad graduated from Dar Al-Qur’an in Kuwait with a degree in Qur’an and Islamic Studies. He has been teaching Qur’an in the GTA since 2005 at various Islamic centres.

Special Guest Speakers

Shaykh Faid Said
Imam Yama Niazi
Shaykh Muhammad Qaylish
Dr. Asim Yusuf
Br. Belal Hafeez
Sr. Nazima Qureshi

Please register for these events via seekersguidance.org/Canada
SeekersGuidance Canada offers engaging classes with qualified scholars, completely free.

REGISTER TODAY:
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