

# ICCL-Thamarat Institute Staff

## **Sr. Rizwana – Principal & Islamic Studies Teacher**

Assalamu Alaikum,

I am honored to serve as the Principal and Islamic Studies teacher at Thamarat Institute. Alhamdulillah, I have been blessed to teach at several Islamic schools in the area, including as a 1st Grade teacher at ICCL Academy and 3rd Grade teacher at Alhuda School, as well as at Islamic after-school programs internationally under the supervision of Shaykh Mumtaz-ul-Haqq RA.

My journey in Islamic education began at Noorul Imaan Madressah (South Africa), where I attended Maktab programs, and I continued my studies in the Alimiyyah program at Jamia Zainab (Lusaka, Zambia) for several years. Currently, I am completing my Alimiyyah program with the Maryland Institute of Development under the guidance of Shaykh Javid Bhaiyat.

In addition to my Islamic studies, I hold a Bachelor's degree in Nutrition and Dietetics from the University of Maryland.

Alhamdulillah, I absolutely love teaching Islamic Studies, nurturing my students' love for Allah and our beloved Prophet Muhammad SAW. This is my fourth year teaching and my third year serving as Principal, Alhamdulillah.

## **Hafidha Sister Hameem-Quran Teacher**

Hameem Arif completed her Hifdh ul-Quran at 16 years old and has been teaching Quran and Qaidah for over 4 years. She received her Noorani Qaidah Teacher Training Certification under Sheikh Muhammad Ar-Ra'ee and studied Tajweed in the MID Sanatain program with Mufti Qari Masihullah. At Thamarat Institute, she enjoys helping students build fluency in reading the Quran with proper Tajweed and supporting them in memorizing surahs. Hameem is passionate about creating a positive and encouraging classroom where children feel motivated, supported, and excited to connect with the Quran.

## **Shaykh Abdul Jabbar - Quran and Islamic Studies Teacher for older Boys**

- Completed - Alim Program at Maryland Institute of Development.
- Noorani Qaaidah Training completed with Sh. Ar- Raee.
- Currently serving as SAP for the ICCL Academy
- Serves as teacher and khateeb at masajid in the dmva as well as serving incarcerated Muslims at correctional facilities
- Third year teaching at Thamarat Institute of ICCL

## **Sr. Misbah Shaikh- Islamic Studies Teacher at TI.**

Dr. Misbah has a Master's degree in Public Health and certification in the Islamic Essentials program from a local Islamic institute. She has acquired a comprehensive understanding of fundamental principles and subjects from the program, which has equipped her with the necessary knowledge to teach Islamic studies at various levels effectively.

Islamic Studies Teacher  
ICCL Academy 2024-Present

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## **Sr. Reham- Quran Teacher**

Sr. Reham Kortam is a dedicated Quran, Arabic, and Islamic Studies teacher with good experience teaching children of various ages both in the United States and abroad. She holds a Bachelor of Pharmacy , and has pursued advanced studies in Islamic Fiqh, Shareeah, and Hadith at Benaa Islamic Academy in Saudi Arabia.

She has taught at several respected institutions, including Thamarat Institute in Laurel, MD, Jannah Academy in Germantown, MD, and private academies in Egypt and Cairo, where she instructed Quran recitation, memorization, Tajweed, Arabic language, and Islamic sciences. Her teaching approach blends structured learning with creativity, ensuring students progress at their own pace while remaining motivated and engaged.

Ms. Reham successfully completed the Al-Qaeda Al-Nurania Teacher Preparation Course

### **Hafidha Sister Menna - Quran Teacher**

Dr. Menna Harby has a PhD in science (biology). She finished memorizing the Quran and completed a 6 year program (Muddakir) for explaining and memorizing the Quran and earned the certificate of completion at Diyanat Center of America. Additionally, she completed and earned the certificate of the 2 year Islamic studies program at ZAD Academy.

Moreover, she has multiple years of experience in teaching Quran, Arabic and Islamic studies in PJMA Sunday school and after school Hifz program in Tarbiyah academy.