



Shaykh Ahmed Abdo

Lecturer and Researcher in Islamic Studies

Location: *Australia*

Traditional Islamic Training

Ahmed Abdo completed his comprehensive traditional Islamic sciences studies at Dar al-Mustafa from 2005 to 2014, one of the premier institutions for classical Islamic learning located in Tarim, Yemen. During this nine-year period of intensive study, he acquired mastery in the fundamental Islamic disciplines under the guidance of qualified scholars. Additionally, he spent significant time attending classes at Ribat Tarim, with particular focus on Shafi'i jurisprudence (fiqh) and the study of Minhaj al-Talibin by Imam al-Nawawi, a foundational text in Islamic legal methodology and jurisprudential reasoning. This extended training provided him with a deep and comprehensive understanding of classical Islamic sciences and their application to contemporary contexts.

Institutional Leadership and Founding

Abdo established Shifa Institute as a means for promoting spiritual wellbeing and fostering positive Islamic environments for youth and families. The institute operates through community events, educational camps, and spiritual retreats designed to nurture Islamic identity, spiritual development, and community cohesion among young Muslims and their families. Through this initiative, Abdo has created a platform for integrating traditional Islamic teachings with contemporary community needs.

Professional Experience and Community Service

Abdo serves as a religious chaplain in various sectors throughout Australia, providing spiritual guidance, pastoral care, and Islamic counseling to diverse populations in institutional settings. His chaplaincy work reflects his commitment to serving Muslims in underserved and institutional contexts.

He has interpreted for several distinguished international Islamic scholars and guests, including Habib Umar bin Hafiz, Habib Kadhim al-Saqqaf, and Habib Muhammad al-Aydarus. Through this work, he has facilitated communication and knowledge transfer between international Islamic scholars and Australian Muslim communities.



Teaching Experience and Educational Contributions

Abdo conducts regular Islamic classes in various subjects for both youth and adults at QUL College, with a particular focus on traditional Islamic learning presented in a contemporary environment. His pedagogical approach balances classical Islamic methodology with modern educational practices, making complex Islamic concepts accessible to diverse learners while maintaining scholarly rigor and authenticity. His teaching encompasses Islamic jurisprudence, Qur'anic studies, hadith sciences, Islamic theology, and other traditional Islamic disciplines.

Leadership in Professional Organizations

Abdo served as Chairman of the Council of Imams NSW from 2018 to 2024, providing leadership and coordination for Islamic religious leaders and imams throughout the state. In this role, he worked to advance Islamic education, promote interfaith dialogue, and address the needs of Muslim communities. Executive Member of the Australian National Imams Council – During his tenure as Chairman of the Council of Imams NSW, he also served as an Executive Member of the Australian National Imams Council, contributing to national-level Islamic leadership and policy development.

Scholarly Publications

His recent published work, *Prophetic Jewels*, is a carefully curated collection of forty hadith (prophetic traditions) selected for their spiritual and practical significance. This compilation is used in various Islamic schools and madrasahs as an educational resource, enabling students to memorize and learn from the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad. The work reflects his commitment to making classical Islamic knowledge accessible and relevant to contemporary Islamic education.

Areas of Expertise

His specialized knowledge encompasses Islamic jurisprudence (particularly the Shafi'i school), hadith studies, Qur'anic sciences, Islamic theology, Islamic spirituality and community development, pastoral care and chaplaincy, and traditional Islamic education. He is particularly skilled in adapting classical Islamic teachings to contemporary educational and community contexts, making traditional Islamic learning accessible to youth and families in modern settings.

Current Focus and Mission

His present work focuses on promoting Islamic education, spiritual wellbeing, and community development in Australia. Through Shifa Institute, QUL College, his chaplaincy work, and his scholarly publications, he endeavors to serve Muslim communities by providing access to authentic Islamic knowledge, fostering spiritual development, and creating positive Islamic environments for youth and families. His mission centers on bridging classical Islamic tradition with contemporary Australian Muslim community needs and contexts.

