

Shaykh Nader Elmarhoumi is the Imam of the Islamic Association of Allen (IAA), also known as the Allen Masjid. He joined IAA in January 2011 after serving as the Imam and Director of the San Marcos Masjid in San Marcos, Texas, since 2007.

Shaykh Nader was born in Dallas, Texas, and later moved to Egypt to pursue his education. He studied the Sciences of Tafseer, Hadeeth, and Islamic Jurisprudence (Fiqh) under renowned Scholars including, Shaykh Yaseen Roushdy in Alexandria, Egypt. He achieved the Ijaazah* in Qur'aan at the age of 17 and several other Ijazaat* at a young age. Shaykh Nader obtained his Bachelor's degree in Alexandria University and is currently finishing up his PhD in Physics at the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas.

In addition to his regular duties as Imam, Shaykh Nader's activities include:

- Visiting other Masajid as a guest speaker, delivering Jummah khutbas, halaqas, weekend programs and other lectures
- Hosting church study groups together with their teachers in the Masjid to educate non-Muslims about Islam
- Giving lectures about Islam at universities and churches
- Meeting with police, city, and county officials to establish good relations with the general community
- Teaching Qur'an and Tajweed to children and adults
- Giving talks on Earth Day and International Peace Day by various universities and interfaith groups, as a form of Da'wah

Shaykh Nader's areas of expertise include:

- Teaching and counseling the community on matters of Fiqh
- Being able to accommodate Muslims following different schools of thought and understanding that Muslims come from diverse cultures and backgrounds
- Comprehensive understanding of Islam
- Knowledge of the Seerah of the Prophet (SAAWS), Hadeeth, its collection and usage
- Ability to interpret and present Islam in a way that is relevant to life in North America
- Experience in teaching and counseling youth
- Ability to introduce Islam to people of other faiths
- Fund-raising and motivating different communities across the US to donate for good causes

**IJAAZAAT (plural), IJAAZAH (singular): Is a special permission to teach and is a certificate given by one who has an Ijaazah in a particular field to one or more of his/her students. It is different from a regular coursework or degree since an Ijaazah is a continuous chain of permissions that goes back to the Ijaazah of Prophet Muhammad (SAAWS) to his Companions (PBUT).*