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How many classes/years have you taught at LifeQuest?

January 2018 is the first time I am teaching at LifeQuest.

Please list your most recent job title:

Program Director at the Interfaith Center

What is your educational background?

Bachelors in Economics from the University of Utah.

Masters in Public Service from University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service.

Please list experiences, awards or recognition you've had which are related (or not!) to your upcoming class topic:

Humanitarian Award for the Year 2016 from Just Communities of Arkansas

Peacemaker of the Year 2016 from Arkansas Coalition for Peace and Justice

First woman founder and chairperson of a mosque, Madina Institute, a new Islamic Center in west Little Rock.

Please tell us why you like to (or are interested in) teaching at LifeQuest:

I love to teach!!!

Also this course will bring awareness about Islam from an ordinary Muslim and tell the stories of average Muslims in their everyday lives; their struggles, desires, hopes and aspirations as they live out their American dream in Arkansas.

List three distinctive personal facts about yourself:

1. I love meeting new people and getting to know them through their varied spiritual journeys and diverse faith identities
2. I am probably the only Muslim in the state who is fulltime employed by a Christian Church to run their Interfaith Outreach Ministry. I also spearheaded the efforts to open a new and progressive mosque in Arkansas. I have one office in a Christian Church and another office in a Muslim Mosque... what could be more distinct than that!!!!
3. I love watching vampire shows 😊