



Nimat Shaheed was born in Madisonville, Texas and raised in Oakland, California where she took her Shahadah with Imam Muhammad Abdullah (Master Fard Muhammad) in 1976, at the then Mosque #77 where she began her studies of the Arabic Language with the Assistant Imam Ghazi. She remained at the then Mosque #77 during its transition of Imams and leadership, which included Imam Warith Deen Muhammad when Oakland was his residence.

From 1977-1987 she worked as an instructor at the Clara Mohammed School in Oakland; while there she taught several grade levels, Islamic Studies and Science. She also spent a few summers during these years with ISNA studying Arabic Grammar, and directing a summer camp for Muslim youth.

From 1987 to Present she has continued to work in education for the public and private sectors, serving as principal of an elementary & high school, an after school director for a math and science program, a professional expert servicing teen mothers, and a team leader working with incarcerated female youth. As of today, she is working for the Oakland Unified School District as an Outreach Consultant with specialization in Attitude, Achievement and Attendance.

Her Islamic Studies and work over the years include: Arabic/Islamic Studies Instructor, Instructor of the Shahadatain Institute, Week end Islamic Studies Director/Instructor, Prison Dawah, Public Relation, and Organizational Communication. Her works also include: Organizing, Interfaith Events, Fundraisers, and Political Activities. Her passion, The Quran. She has spoken publicly for many years in the Muslims communities and the broader society... And was honored to be the First Muslimah to speak in Chicago at The Historical "First Sunday" Address. She holds to her credit, 6 years of work with American Muslim 360, Authoring, and Constancy in helping to establish Al-Islam in America. Her travels have taken her to several continents and countries, as well as neighboring Islands. And most recently in 2008, Allah blessed her to "go through Hajj".