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21st Century Faith-Based competencies: EIA GEO - FRAMEWORK

The EIA Graduate Expectation:

1. **Is a practicing Muslim:** Accepts belief in the six articles of faith. Observes the five pillars of Islam. Has consciousness of Allah's (SWT) presence and acts sincerely for His sake, according to the Quran and the Sunnah of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH). Is balanced in his/her worship and avoids all forms of extremism.
2. **Has good character:** Is truthful, respectful, honest, modest, etc. Observes Islamic social manners.
3. **Is intellectually well-rounded:** Acquainted with the basic principles of Islamic belief and objectives of Islamic jurisprudence. Familiar with Islamic history especially the life of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and his companions. Familiar with the modern history and geography of the World. Understands and appreciates the multicultural aspects of the Canadian society. Is able to seek and find necessary information when needed. Strives to be a leader in his/her field. Has up-to-date knowledge and skills on the use and applications of technology. Uses critical thinking skills to make informed choices and decisions.
4. **Is a self-motivated leader:** Sets his/her goals high and strives to reach them. Is willing to take risks. Committed to life-long learning. Possesses an attitude of success; i.e. Persistent and views a setback as a learning opportunity.
5. **Is self-disciplined:** Behaves in a mature and responsible manner that reflects positively on him/her. Meets his/her obligations and takes responsibility for his/her decisions and actions. Has the ability to reject immediate satisfaction for something better and lawful.
6. **Is organized in his/her affairs:** Realizes the importance of proper time management. Sets his/her priorities and fulfills tasks and does assignments on time. Uses his/her time constructively to acquire useful knowledge, develop his/her skills, strengthen family ties and support his/her community.
7. **Can read, write and speak the Arabic language:** Performs clear recitation of the Quran. Can read any Arabic text with correct pronunciation. Can adequately communicate in Arabic both verbally and in writing.
8. **Is physically healthy:** Abides by Islamic teachings on eating, drinking, and sleeping to protect his/her body from diseases and illnesses. Maintains a healthy and active lifestyle. Maintains cleanliness and proper hygiene. Always takes the proper safety and security measures.
9. **Is financially responsible:** Seeks to be a productive member of the society and performs his/her job professionally and in the best manner. Avoids squandering wealth and observes Islamic rules and manners in business and financial matters.
10. **Is beneficial to others:** Takes pride in being a Muslim Canadian. Characterized by being active, energetic, and skilled in public service. Views authority as a responsibility not as a privilege. Continuously gives generous charity for good causes and to help those who are less fortunate.