



## Muslim Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh (MCCGP)

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# MCCGP Nikah (Islamic Marriage) Guidelines

MCCGP (Muslim Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh) enforces the following procedures and policies for a Nikah (Islamic marriage):

- The bride and bridegroom must be Muslims.
- The couple must obtain a marriage license/record from their county of residence prior to the ceremony. Each county has its own department where a license and record can be obtained. If you are a resident of Allegheny county, a marriage license/record can be obtained from the address below:

Department of Court Records,  
Wills/Orphans' Court Division  
Marriage License Bureau  
414 Grant Street,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, City-County Building  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Website: <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/court-records/wills/marriage-license.aspx>

- The couple should schedule an appointment in advance of their marriage ceremony/Nikah with MCCGP imam. For appointments, please email [mccgpinfo@gmail.com](mailto:mccgpinfo@gmail.com) or call 412.373.0101 (if you get the answering machine, please leave a message stating the purpose and proposed date of Nikah).
- Before the Nikah, the couple may be required to attend up to three premarital counseling sessions. This will be determined by the Imam after speaking with the couple.
- All issues, reservations, conditions of the marriage, including the amount of dowry (mahr), need to be discussed prior to the Nikah.
- The bride, bridegroom, and two witnesses (Muslim males) must be present for the Nikah and have valid photo IDs on them.

Please be advised that the procedures and requirements above apply to all, and under no circumstances can the Nikah be documented without a marriage license/record.

For further questions and/or explanations please contact the MCCGP office (via email or phone).

MCCGP wishes you happiness with your marriage.