



## Continuing Education Requirements for Alabama Licensed Social Workers (And How to Stay on Track)

As a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) in the state of Alabama, it is your responsibility to adhere to continuing education requirements each period in order to renew your license. Beyond license renewal being key to you maintaining your practice, continuing education is essential to stay abreast of what is happening in your field – something your clients will always appreciate you taking seriously. Education is how we all continue to learn and further hone our skills and expertise, so it's certainly something to be celebrated. Though education is fantastic, keeping on track with the many hours you need to fulfill can be a challenge. Thankfully, there is a fantastic resource available to help you with that. Before we dive into the resource, let's start by outlining what is required of Alabama LCSWs in order to renew their license.

### Licensee Requirements for Alabama Licensed Social Workers

Licensed clinical social workers in the state of Alabama are required to complete 30 hours of continuing education in the 24 months preceding their license expiration date in order to renew their license. Within the required 30 hours, 20 can be earned through self-study, while at least 10 must be earned in the classroom setting. Though you can submit for pre-approval of any type of course, if you feel the course or program would be beneficial to your development, you should expect to fulfill all 30 hours through a Board-approved entity.

There are topical requirements licensees must fulfill: three hours of the required 30 need to be on ethics, three hours need to be on clinical social work, and an additional hour must be spent on the child abuse and neglect report training.

### Key Takeaways:

- **LCSWs in Alabama must complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years.**
- **Three hours must be in ethics, three on clinical social work, and one in child abuse and neglect.**

Given licensed social workers are likely to achieve their continuing education certificates in increments, from various workshops, conventions, agencies, and institutions, there is a lot of documentation to keep track of (potentially 30 or more certificates throughout the course of two years). As proof is required when you apply for renewal, it's imperative you keep all of those certificates in a safe place – easily accessible and easy to track your progress. CE Hub is the safe place you need to work through your continuing education with ease.

### What is CE Hub?

CE Hub is an app built specifically for social workers. Recognizing the difficulty that is storing continuing education certificates and keeping track of your hours, CE Hub was created to take the stress out of continuing education requirements. Instead of worrying throughout the period that you may not be on track, or perhaps that you may have lost a document or two, CE Hub provides you the peace of mind you need to enjoy the learning process. Using the platform is simple: you sign up, upload your continuing education certificates as you obtain them, then CE Hub handles the rest. All of your continuing education credits are tracked for you, and you even receive a reminder when it's time to renew your license. Alleviate the stress of continuing education requirements by taking advantage of CE Hub today!

Disclaimer: this content is for informational purposes only. Licensees should always confirm their continuing education requirements with their respective governing agency. In the state of Alabama, LCSWs can clarify anything about their license by contacting the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners at the number (334) 242-5860.

Reference Links: <https://www.socialwork.alabama.gov/PDF/2019/UnderstandingCEApprovalPoliciesReqs.pdf>

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