



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

As a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) in the state of Alaska, 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 Alaska LCSWs in order to renew their license.

Licensee Requirements for Alaska Licensed Social Workers

In the state of Alaska, licensed clinical social workers are required to complete a total of 45 hours of continuing education in order to renew their license every two years, upon their expiration date. Each of those hours must be earned through a course or program hosted by an approved sponsor, of which a list can be found [here](#). There is a required breakdown of specific topics to be included in the 45 continuing education hours, which is as follows: six hours regarding substance abuse, six hours in cross-cultural education (three of which should relate to Alaska Natives), three hours in professional ethics, and three hours in the practice of teletherapy.

Continuing education credit can be earned in the following ways: postgraduate courses, courses offered by approved associations, seminars or workshops hosted by professional organizations, first-time presentation preparation and performance (maximum of 10 hours can be counted), and first-time publication of an article or book related to the practice (also with a maximum of 10 hours).

Key Takeaways:

- **Alaskan LCSWs must earn 45 hours of continuing education every two years.**
- **Those hours must have the following breakdown: six in substance abuse, six in cross-cultural education, three in ethics, and three on teletherapy.**

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 45 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 Alaska, LCSWs can clarify anything about their license by contacting the Board of Social Work Examiners at the number (907) 269-8160.

Reference Links: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/SocialWorkExaminers/ContinuingEducationCourses.aspx>