

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

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

## Licensee Requirements for Arizona Licensed Social Workers

Licensed clinical social workers are held to the same continuing education requirements as their MFT counterparts. LCSWs must earn 30 hours of continuing education every 24 months, ahead of their personal license expiration date. Of the required 30 hours, three need to be in ethics or law in the field and another three must be on cultural competency or diversity. Beyond that requirement, LCSWs have flexibility to choose the topic areas that would benefit their development best, so long as the selected course, program, or activity is considered approved by the definitions defined in <a href="subsection D of R4-6-802">subsection D of R4-6-802</a>. As a final note, licensees should be prepared in the event they are selected for a randomized audit by the Board, so it is recommended they maintain record of their continuing education completion certificates for at least 24 months.

## **Key Takeaways:**

- LCSWs in Arizona must complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years
- Three hours are required in ethics/law and three in cultural competency/diversity

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 and if you are selected for an audit, 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!

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Reference Links:

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