



Continuing Education Requirements for Arkansas Licensed Professional Counselors (And How to Stay on Track)

As a licensed professional counselor (LPC) in the state of Arkansas, 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 Arkansas LPCs in order to renew their license each year.

Licensee Requirements for Arkansas Licensed Professional Counselors

Licensed professional counselors in Arkansas are held to the same requirements as marriage and family therapists in the state. In order to renew your license as a LPC, you must complete 24 hours of continuing education every two years – ensuring alignment with your statement of intent, which must also be submitted as part of your renewal application. The one difference between MFTs and LPCs is that LPCs have an additional hour requirement of education in ethics, for a total of three hours regarding ethics out of their required 24 hours. All continuing education hours must be earned through Board-approved activities, which includes the following: workshops hosted by professionals of state or nationally recognized programs, presenting at recognized trainings (earning two hours for every hour taught), formal classroom learning at an accredited institution, and documentation of teaching a course or publishing an article regarding counseling (up to 10 hours can be counted).

Key Takeaways:

- **LPCs in Arkansas must earn 24 hours of continuing education every two years.**
- **Three hours are required to be on ethics specifically.**

Given licensed professional counselors 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 24 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 counselors. 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: <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-state-board-of-examiners-in-counseling>
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