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

As a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) 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 LCSWs in order to renew their license.

Licensee Requirements for Arkansas Licensed Social Workers

Licensed clinical social workers in Arkansas have the responsibility to fulfill a requirement of 30 hours of continuing education every two years in order to renew their license. It is up to the discretion of the LCSW to decide if a course or program aligns with their practice and would be beneficial for them to participate in. Otherwise, the Board does not have a set list of approved courses or providers. The only set guideline the Board has is that no course can be taken twice in a licensing period unless the LCSW can demonstrate the content of the course has changed, should the title remain the same. Proof of continuing education is required for renewal and should be maintained for two years following the renewal cycle (in the event of an audit).

Key Takeaways:

- LCSWs in Arkansas are required to complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years.
- It's up to the LCSW to decide if a course is relevant to their learning.

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 may be required in audits), 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: https://www.arkansas.gov/swlb/contact_us.html

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