



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

As a licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC) in the state of California, 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 California LPCCs in order to renew their license each year.

Licensee Requirements for California Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors

All licensed professional clinical counselors in California are required to adhere to a requirement of 36 hours of continuing education in order to renew their license. Those hours have a specific breakdown that must be followed in order for a renewal application to be accepted: six hours in suicide risk assessment and intervention, six hours in law and ethics, and six hours in marriage and family therapy (if applicable). LPCCs that treat couples or families, are supervising a MFT trainee or associate, or LPCCs supervising an LPCC or associate PCC seeking experience with couples or families must fulfill the six-hour MFT requirement. Outside of participating in Board-approved courses or programs, California LPCCs can also earn their continuing education credit by teaching a course (though, only one course term can be included in a single renewal period).

Key Takeaways:

- **California LPCCs must complete 36 hours of continuing education every two years.**
- **Six must be in suicide risk assessment and intervention and six in law and ethics. Note that an additional six in MFT may be required if a licensee fits the qualifications listed above.**

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 36 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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