



Continuing Education Requirements for California Marriage & Family Therapists (And How to Stay on Track)

As a licensed marriage and family therapist (MFT) 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 MFTs in order to renew their license each year.

Licensee Requirements for California Marriage & Family Therapists

Licensed MFTs in California are required to complete a total of 36 hours of continuing education in the two years ahead of their license expiration date. All courses a marriage and family therapist participate in must be offered by a provider that meets requirement in §1887.4 of the California Code of Regulations in order to qualify toward their renewal.

Given a marriage and family therapist's particular practice, there is a required [breakdown](#) of their continuing education hours: six hours for suicide risk assessment and intervention, and then an additional six hours on law and ethics. If you also teach, you can claim continuing education hours for the hours that you teach a course, but you can only do so with one course in a renewal period.

Key Takeaways:

- **California MFTs are required to complete 36 hours of continuing education every two years.**
- **Six of those hours must be on suicide risk assessment and another six on law and ethics.**

Given marriage and family therapists are likely to achieve their continuing education certificates in increments, likely from various workshops, conventions, agencies, and institutions, there is a lot of documentation to keep track of (likely 20 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 therapists. 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. Your hours and certificates are tracked, then you are notified when it's time to submit for your renewal – something you'll never have to monitor yourself again. Alleviate the stress of continuing education requirements by taking advantage of CE Hub today!

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Reference Links: https://www.bbs.ca.gov/licensees/cont_ed.html <https://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/forms/cechart.pdf>
<https://www.dca.ca.gov/webapps/bbs/contact.php>