

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

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

## **Licensee Requirements for Colorado Licensed Professional Counselors**

Licensed professional counselors in Colorado must complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years, ahead of the biennial renewal date of June 30 in odd-numbered years. Within those 40 required hours, no more than 20 can be in a single category or in a single activity. Activities are considered "acceptable" if they are offered by American Psychological Association (APA)-approved providers. The activities LPCs can partake in include the following: volunteer experience, independent learning, publication, coursework, presenting, consultation, and supervision. Ahead of completion of any activity, LPCs must first complete learning goals that their continuing education should align with, to be submitted as part of their renewal application. Those goals can be created utilizing this resource.

## **Key Takeaways:**

- LPCs in Colorado are required to complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years, with no more than 20 hours in a single category or activity.
- Licenses are renewed on June 30 of every odd-numbered year.
- Learning goals must be created and submitted as part of the renewal process.

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 40 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. 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://athealth.com/ce-approvals/continuing-education-for-professional-counselors-in-colorado/https://dpo.colorado.gov/ProfessionalCounselor/CPC