

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

As a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) in the state of Florida, 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 Florida LCSWs in order to renew their license.

Licensee Requirements for Florida Licensed Social Workers

Florida licensed clinical social workers are required to complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years, ahead of the May 31 license expiration every odd-numbered year. Every course or program taken to fulfill the 30-hour requirement must be approved by the Board in order to be accepted. For a list of approved courses and programs, visit this resource.

Within the 30 hours that are required for Florida LCSWs, 25 hours are general topics related to the field, two hours must be on medical errors, and three hours on ethics and boundaries or telehealth (alternating each renewal). Additionally, every third renewal, three hours must pertain to laws and rules and two hours must relate to domestic violence – both of which can count toward the general hours.

Key Takeaways:

- Florida LCSWs must complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years.
- Two hours must be regarding medical errors, three on ethics and boundaries or telehealth, and every third renewal, three hours need to be on laws and rules with another two on domestic violence.
- Licenses expire on May 31 of odd-numbered years.

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, 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!

Disclaimer: this content is for informational purposes only. Licensees should always confirm their continuing education requirements with their respective governing agency. In the state of Florida, LCSWs can clarify anything about their license by contacting the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling at the number (850) 488-0595.

Reference Links: https://floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/renewals/licensed-clinical-social-worker/#tab-ce https://floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/contact/