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

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

Licensee Requirements for Hawaii Licensed Social Workers

Licensed clinical social workers in Hawaii share similar license renewal requirements as their MFT peers. LCSWs are required to complete 45 hours of continuing education every three years if they wish to continue practicing in the next cycle. All of the 45 hours of education have to be approved by either the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) or the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) in order to be accepted with a renewal application. As a final requirement of licensees, a minimum of three hours must be regarding ethics in every renewal cycle.

Note: proof of completion of continuing education is not due at the time a licensee submits their renewal application, but documentation will be required if a licensee is selected for an audit. It is the responsibility of each licensee to maintain their own records.

Key Takeaways:

- · LCSWs in the state of Hawaii must complete 45 hours of continuing education every three years.
- The education needs to be approved by either the NASW or the ASWB.
- At least three hours needs to be on ethics.

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 45 or more certificates throughout the course of three years). As proof is required if you are selected for an audit, 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://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/socialworker/ https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/contact/