

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

As a licensed professional counselor (LPC) in the state of Idaho, 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 Idaho LPCs in order to renew their license every cycle.

## Licensee Requirements for Idaho Licensed Professional Counselors

Licensed professional counselors in the state of Idaho are held to the same continuing education requirements as their MFT counterparts. They must earn 40 hours of continuing education every two years, ahead of their license expiration date. Within those 40 hours, at least six need to be regarding ethics in counseling. Outside of those requirements, all of the continuing education hours need to be obtained through approved activities, which include: college/university courses or audits, seminars/workshops/conferences, home study or online education, leadership (defined on page 12 <u>here</u>; up to eight hours), professional publications (up to eight hours), clinical supervision (up to 10 hours), presentations (up to eight hours), dissertation (up to 10 hours), and board meetings (up to two hours).

## Key Takeaways:

- LPCs in Idaho are required to complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years.
- All hours need to come from approved activities.
- Three hours must be on ethics in the practice.

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. 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 Link:** 

https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/24/241501.pdf