

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

As a licensed mental health counselor (LMHC) in the state of Indiana, 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 Indiana LPCs in order to renew their license every cycle.

Licensee Requirements for Indiana Licensed Mental Health Counselors

Licensed mental health counselors in Indiana have the exact same continuing education expectations as MFTs, LCSWs, and HSPPs. LPCs in Indiana are required to complete 40 hours of continuing education in the 24 months preceding the March 31 license expiration date in evennumbered years. On an annual basis, licensees should complete at least one hour in ethics (totaling two hours in a cycle). The ethics requirement has to be fulfilled through a Category I type of continuing education, which fills two of the required 20 hours of Category I continuing education each cycle. Category I continuing education is formal programming, such as formally organized courses, relevant college/university credit, seminars, workshops, first-time faculty teaching, and home study programs hosted by accredited organizations.

Key Takeaways:

- LPCs in Indiana must complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years.
- At least two hours need to be on the topic ethics.
- A minimum of 20 hours must be Category I.
- Licenses all expire on March 31 in even years.

Given licensed mental health 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 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 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 Links: https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/behavioral-health-and-human-services-licensing-board/continuing-education-requirements/ https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/behavioral-health-and-human-services-licensing-board/