

## Continuing Education Requirements for Iowa Psychologists (And How to Stay on Track)

As a licensed psychologist in the state of lowa, it is your responsibility to adhere to continuing education requirements every 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 psychology – 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 lowa psychologist in order to renew their license each cycle.

## **Licensee Requirements for Iowa Psychologists**

All psychologists licensed in Iowa have an obligation to complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years, ahead of the June 30 renewal deadline in even-numbered years. Within the required 40 hours, at least six must be on topics, as they pertain to psychology, in either risk management or Iowa mental health laws and regulations. Of the remaining 34 hours, they can be obtained through a course or program that meets the following criteria: is an organized program that contributes directly to building upon a psychologist's knowledge or skills, is related to subjects that are vital to the practice, is conducted by a qualified individual, fulfills program goals/objectives, and provides proof of attendance. To be absolutely certain a chosen program will be accepted by the board, licensees should review point c. in section 645-241.3(154B,272C) in Chapter 241 of the Professional Licensure.

## **Key Takeaways:**

- Iowa psychologists need to obtain 40 hours of continuing education every two years.
- The renewal deadline is June 30 in even-numbered years.
- Six of the required hours must be on risk management or laws and regulations.

Given psychologists 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 the two-year time period). As proof is required when you renew your license or 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 psychologists. 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.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/chapter/645.241.pdf https://idph.iowa.gov/licensure/iowa-board-of-psychology/continuing-education