

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

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

Licensee Requirements for Louisiana Licensed Social Workers

Licensed clinical social workers in Louisiana are required to complete 20 hours of continuing education every year. Licenses expire on June 30, so all of the 20 hours must be earned before that time in order for a renewal application to be accepted. Each of the required 20 hours need to be obtained through an approved entity, which can be found <u>here</u>. As an additional requirement, half (10) of the 20 continuing education hours need to be in the clinical social work area, specifically including diagnosis and treatment. Another three hours *every two years* must be on social work ethics.

Key Takeaways:

- Louisiana LCSWs must complete 20 hours of continuing education ahead of the June 30 expiration date annually.
- 10 out of 20 hours need to be on clinical social work diagnosis and treatment. Every two years, three hours are required in the topic area 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 20 or more certificates throughout the course of the year). 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!

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Reference Link:

https://www.labswe.org/continuing-education/