



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

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

Licensee Requirements for Maryland Licensed Social Workers

Licensed clinical social workers in the state of Maryland are required to complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years. At least half (20) of those hours must come from "Category I" activities, which are those offered by [Board authorized sponsors](#), happening in real-time. The remaining 20 hours can come from Category II activities, which are those that are considered to be less formal, though they must still come from Board authorized sponsors. All 20 of the Category II credits can be obtained through distance learning, should a licensee choose to do so. As a final requirement, at least three hours (can be in either category) must be specifically on the topic of ethics and professional conduct.

Key Takeaways:

- **LCSWs in Maryland must earn 40 hours of continuing education every two years.**
- **At least 20 hours are required to be Category I, and at least three need to be on ethics/conduct.**

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 40 or more certificates throughout the course of the two years). As proof is required when requested by the Board, 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://health.maryland.gov/bswe/Pages/Continuing_ed.aspx