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

As a licensed professional counselor (LPC) in the state of Minnesota, 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 Minnesota LPCs in order to renew their license each year.

Licensee Requirements for Minnesota Licensed Professional Counselors

In the state of Minnesota, licensed professional counselors are required to complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years in order to renew their license. All of those hours need to be earned through programs that are approved by the Board, as outlined in sections 148B.50 to 148B.593. Though proof of completion of those hours is not required within renewal applications, it is best to keep record of continuing education certificates as the Board conducts random audits of a portion of all licenses each renewal cycle.

Note: if a licensee is in their first four years of their license to practice, they are required to provide the board with proof of completion of 60 graduate-level credits earned and/or 40 hours of continuing education. A detailed outline of this requirement can be found <u>here</u>.

Key Takeaways:

- Minnesota LPCs must earn 40 hours of continuing education every two years.
- Certifications do not need to be submitted with renewal applications but should be maintained for auditing purposes.

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 in the event of 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://mn.gov/boards/behavioral-health/licensees/continuing-education/lpc-lpcc-continuing-education.jsp

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/148B.54