



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

As a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) 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 LCSWs in order to renew their license.

Licensee Requirements for Minnesota Licensed Social Workers

All licensed clinical social workers in Minnesota have a responsibility to complete 40 hours of continuing education in order to renew their license every two years. Of the 40 hours required of them, two hours must specifically relate to social work ethics, four hours must be in cultural responsiveness, and 12 hours are required to be regarding clinical content (decreased from 24 in August 2020).

Continuing education can be earned through Board-approved providers or through courses and programs that licensees deem appropriate for their professional development. Additionally, up to half of a licensee's continuing education can be obtained through independent learning – allowing room for added flexibility. Lastly, though continuing education certificates do not need to be submitted with renewal applications, they should be held onto for a year following renewal should the licensee be selected for an audit by the Board.

Key Takeaways:

- **LCSWs in Minnesota must fulfill a requirement of 40 hours of continuing education biennially.**
- **Two hours need to be on ethics, four in cultural responsiveness, and 12 on clinical content.**

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 two years). As proof is required for potential audits, 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://mn.gov/boards/social-work/licensees/continuingeducation/>