



Continuing Education Requirements for Montana Marriage & Family Therapists (And How to Stay on Track)

As a licensed marriage and family therapist (MFT) in the state of Montana, 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 Montana MFTs in order to renew their license every cycle.

Licensee Requirements for Montana Marriage & Family Therapists

Licensed marriage and family therapists in Montana have the same continuing education requirements as LCSWs in the state. They are required to earn 20 hours of continuing education every year, but licensees can carry over up to 20 hours to the next year if they exceed the required 20. It's important to note that each licensee is subject to being audited, so it's advised records of continuing education be maintained for at least three years. At least two of the required 20 hours need to be on suicide prevention. Additionally, no more than ten hours can come from preparing a new course/workshop or authoring a professional journal. Beyond that, licensees have the discretion to decide if a course or program is relevant to their professional development, so long as it fits the following criteria: it relates to the licensee's practice directly, it reviews existing techniques and concepts, it updates their knowledge of the practice, and/or it reinforces professional conduct and ethics.

Key Takeaways:

- **MFTs in Montana are required to complete 20 hours of continuing education annually.**
- **Two hours must be on suicide prevention.**
- **20 hours can carry over to the next year.**

Given marriage and family therapists 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 if you are selected for an audit 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 therapists. 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://rules.mt.gov/gateway/RuleNo.asp?RN=24%2E219%2E435> https://rules.mt.gov/contact_us.asp