



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

As a licensed mental health counselor (LMHC) in the state of New Mexico, 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 New Mexico LPCs in order to renew their license every cycle.

Licensee Requirements for New Mexico Licensed Mental Health Counselors

New Mexico licensed mental health counselors share the same continuing education requirements as MFTs in the state. Both are required to complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years, ahead of the September 30th expiration in their renewal year. There is an additional requirement that at least six of the mandatory 40 hours be on ethics, in specific. Note: if a licensee provides supervision, another three hours of supervision are required within their continuing education. All of a licensee's continuing education must be considered approved in order to be accepted as continuing education credit for the cycle. Approved continuing education includes programs approved by regulatory boards, programs approved by certifying groups, courses sponsored by international/national/state/regional mental health professional associations, approved online or home study (up to 12 hours each), publications of professional writing or presenting courses that are board approved (up to 20 hours), and programs approved by the New Mexico counseling and therapy practice board.

Key Takeaways:

- **LMHCs in New Mexico must complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years.**
- **A minimum of six hours needs to be on ethics**
- **All licenses expire on September 30th in renewal years.**

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 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 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!

Disclaimer: this content is for informational purposes only. Licensees should always confirm their continuing education requirements with their respective governing agency. In the state of New Mexico, LPCs can clarify anything about their license by contacting the New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department by phone at (505) 476-4500.

Reference Link: <https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/counseling-and-therapy-practice-overview/ct-continuing-education/>