



## Continuing Education Requirements for New York Licensed Social Workers (And How to Stay on Track)

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

### Licensee Requirements for New York Licensed Social Workers

Licensed clinical social workers in New York are required to complete 36 hours of continuing education in the three years ahead of your license expiration, as of January 1, 2015. Of the 36 required hours, 12 of which can be obtained through self-study, so long as the self-study is part of a course or program offered by a provider that is approved by the New York State Education Department. Beyond the 12 hours allotted for self-study, if a licensee so chooses, the remaining 24 hours are required to be completed through a live course or program. Note – more than 24 hours can be earned in a live format, but no more than 12 can be earned through self-study.

### Key Takeaways:

- **LCSWs in New York must complete 36 hours of continuing education every three years. All 36 hours must be taken through approved providers.**
- **Only 12 hours can be obtained through self-study. A minimum of 24 hours must be earned via live programs or courses.**

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 36 or more certificates throughout the course of three 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 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. Your hours and certificates are tracked, then you are notified when it's time to submit for your renewal – something you'll never have to monitor yourself again. Alleviate the stress of continuing education requirements by taking advantage of CE Hub today!

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Reference Link: <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/sw/swceinfo.htm>

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