



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

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

Licensee Requirements for Oregon Marriage & Family Therapists

The COVID pandemic impacted the continuing education requirements for Oregon marriage and family therapists, so it's important to note what an MFT's responsibilities are ahead of the 2022 license renewal date versus subsequent renewal cycles. Before a licensee's license expiration in 2022, they are required to have completed 80 hours of continuing education in the 48 months prior to their expiration date. That number includes a requirement of 12 hours in professional ethics or state laws related to MFT. It also includes a requirement of eight hours in cultural competency training. Note: if your renewal date falls after July 1, 2022, you must also obtain two hours in suicide risk assessment. Following the 2022 license renewal cycle, the continuing education requirements will be split in half. Licensees will be expected to earn 40 hours of continuing education every two years (ahead of their license expiration). They must also earn six hours in ethics and laws, four in cultural competency, and two in suicide risk assessment. As a final note, credit can be earned in a variety of ways: college courses, seminars, workshops, conferences, trainings, and distance learning.

Key Takeaways:

- **Typical continuing education requirements for MFTs in Oregon are 40 hours in two years with 6 hours specifically in ethics, 4 in cultural competency, and 2 in suicide risk assessment.**
- **The 2022 renewal cycle doubles all continuing education requirements (80 hours in 4 years).**

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 40-80 or more certificates throughout the course of the years in the cycle). As proof is required when you apply for renewal, and records must be maintained for at least three years, 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 Link: <https://www.oregon.gov/obl/pct/pages/ce.aspx>