



## Continuing Education Requirements for Pennsylvania Licensed Professional Counselors (And How to Stay on Track)

As a licensed professional counselor (LPC) in the state of Pennsylvania, 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 Pennsylvania LPCs in order to renew their license each year.

### Licensee Requirements for Pennsylvania Licensed Professional Counselors

All licensed professional counselors in Pennsylvania are required to complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years, ahead of the November 30 expiration date in odd-numbered years. A renewal notice is sent two to three months ahead of the expiration date, but it's best to keep track of the date yourself to ensure your required hours are progressing through the period.

All of the required 30 hours can be earned through home study, so long as the programs or courses are offered by an approved provider (which can be found in [this list](#)). As an additional requirement, three of the required 30 hours must be regarding ethics, two in child abuse recognition and reporting, and one hour in suicide prevention.

### Key Takeaways:

- **LPCs in Pennsylvania must complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years.**
- **Six hours need to be on ethics, two on child abuse recognition and reporting, and one in suicide prevention.**
- **All licenses expire on November 30 of odd-numbered 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 30 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!

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Reference Link: <https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Psychology/Pages/Renewal.aspx>