



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

As a licensed marriage and family therapist (MFT) 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 MFTs in order to renew their license each year.

Licensee Requirements for Pennsylvania Marriage & Family Therapists

The state of Pennsylvania requires licensed marriage and family therapists to complete 30 hours of continuing education the two years ahead of their expiration date. Of those 30 hours, 10 must be obtained through live courses or programs, while the other 20 can be completed via home study. Licensees are also required to complete one hour of continuing education specifically related to suicide prevention. Additionally, three hours of the required 30 must satisfy an ethics requirement. Lastly, all 30 hours of continuing education must be obtained through programs approved by the Pennsylvania Board of Social Work Examiners.

Key Takeaways:

- **Pennsylvania requires MFT to complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years .**
- **One hour must be regarding suicide prevention while another three must be on ethics.**

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 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 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. 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!

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 Pennsylvania, MFTs can clarify anything about their license by contacting the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors at the number (717) 783-1389.

Reference Links:

<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/SocialWorkersMarriageandFamilyTherapistsandProfessionalCounselors/Documents/Special%20Notices/SW%20-%20Suicide%20Prevention%20Continuing%20Education%20-%20Notice.pdf>

<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/SocialWorkersMarriageandFamilyTherapistsandProfessionalCounselors/Pages/Renewals.aspx> https://www.aamft.org/Advocacy/State_Resources/Pennsylvania.aspx

<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/SocialWorkersMarriageandFamilyTherapistsandProfessionalCounselors/Pages/default.aspx>