



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

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

### Licensee Requirements for Rhode Island Licensed Social Workers

Licensed clinical social workers in Rhode Island must renew their license on or before May 1<sup>st</sup> in odd-numbered years (every two years). As a requirement to renew licenses, LCSWs need to complete 30 hours of continuing education in the two-year licensing period. Within the required 30 hours, at least three need to be regarding cross cultural practice and another three need to be on professional ethics in social work. All 30 of the hours required need to come from Board-approved courses or programs in order for a renewal application to be accepted. Approved courses or programs are those offered/approved by the NASW, the ASWB, a school or department of social work, or professional social work organizations. Lastly, no more than eight hours can be obtained through non-contact (any course that does not support direct contact, like an online course).

### Key Takeaways:

- **LCSWs in Rhode Island need to complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years.**
- **Licenses expire on May 1 of all odd-numbered years.**
- **At least three hours must be on cross cultural practice and three on ethics.**
- **No more than eight hours can come from non-contact programs.**

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 30 or more certificates throughout the course of two years). As proof is required when you apply for license 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. 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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