

## **Continuing Education Requirements for Rhode Island Marriage & Family Therapists (And How to Stay on Track)**

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

## Licensee Requirements for Rhode Island Marriage & Family Therapists

Marriage and family therapists that hold their license in the state of Rhode Island must earn 40 hours of continuing education every two years. *Proof of continuing education should be included with renewal applications in order for the application to be accepted*. All continuing education credits need to be obtained through approved providers, which includes the American Counseling Association, the American Mental Health Counselors Association, the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, and other entities listed in point B. of <u>Regulation 11.3.8</u>. Beyond the need for credits to be from approved providers, at least 20 of the required 40 credits must come from "Category I" education. Category I education is formal education such as graduate/post-graduate courses, institutes, workshops, and formal online programs.

## Key Takeaways:

- Rhode Island MFTs need to complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years.
- At least 20 hours must be Category I education.
- All continuing education needs to be obtained through approved providers.

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

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 Rhode Island, MFTs can clarify anything about their license by contacting the Rhode Island Department of Health by phone at (401) 222-5960.

Reference Links: https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/216-40-05-11 https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=228