



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

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

### Licensee Requirements for South Carolina Licensed Social Workers

All licensed clinical social workers in South Carolina have a responsibility to complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years in order for their license to be renewed for another cycle. The renewal deadline is December 31 of even-numbered years, so all hours must be earned before that date. At least 20 of the required 40 hours have to be earned through a provider that is a trained social worker, which means an individual with a BSW, MSW, or a doctorate degree in social work. Additionally, continuing education hours must be considered approved and included in the definition of "continuing education." At a high-level, that means social work activities that are aimed at improving a licensee's practice, values, skills, or knowledge, though, a detailed definition, as well as a thorough breakdown of approved entities, can be found in points B. and E. [here](#).

### Key Takeaways:

- **LCSWs in South Carolina must earn 40 hours of continuing education every two years.**
- **The renewal deadline is December 31 in even-numbered years.**
- **20/40 hours required need to come from a provider that is a trained social worker.**
- **All 40 hours must be earned through an approved program or activity.**

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 40 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 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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