

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

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

Licensee Requirements for South Carolina Marriage & Family Therapists

In the state of South Carolina, marriage and family therapists have a responsibility to complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years, ahead of the August 31 renewal deadline in odd-numbered years. Of the required 40 hours, 34 must specifically relate to the practice of MFT, with another six hours on the topic of ethics in the field. A maximum of 15 of the required 40 hours can be earned in an informal format, while the remaining hours must be obtained through formal learning (which does include virtual learning). The difference between formal and informal formats are outlined in sections III. and IV. here. As a note: no continuing education credits can be rolled over to the next cycle.

Key Takeaways:

- South Carolina MFTs are required to complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years.
- The MFT license renewal deadline is August 31 in odd years.
- At least 34 hours have to specifically relate to marriage and family therapy.
- Six hours must be in ethics within the MFT practice
- No more than 15 hours can be earned through informal learning.

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 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!

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Reference Links: https://llr.sc.gov/cou/PDFS/CONTINUING EDUCATION GUIDELINES.pdf https://llr.sc.gov/cou/ce.aspx