

Continuing Education Requirements for South Dakota Psychologists (And How to Stay on Track)

As a licensed psychologist in the state of South Dakota, it is your responsibility to adhere to continuing education requirements every 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 psychology – 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 Dakota psychologist in order to renew their license each cycle.

Licensee Requirements for South Dakota Psychologists

Licensed psychologists in South Dakota are now held to a biennial renewal cycle, which is a recent shift to their licensing cycle. The new continuing education requirements are for licensees to complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years, ahead of the November 30 expiration date in even-numbered years. Within the required 40 hours, at least four must be in ethics as they relate to counseling. Additionally, all 40 hours have to come from approved continuing education programs, which are those offered by organizations such as the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, American Psychological Association, the South Dakota Board of Examiners for Psychologists, and others listed <u>here</u>. Should a licensee want to take a course or program not already approved, they must submit a request for approval.

Key Takeaways:

- South Dakota psychologists must now earn 40 hours of continuing education every two years.
- Four hours need to be on ethics in counseling.
- Licenses expire on November 30 in even-numbered years.

Given psychologists 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 psychologists. 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 Link: https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/counselors/conteducation.aspx