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Continuing Education Requirements for Vermont Licensed Professional Counselors (And How to Stay on Track)

As a licensed professional counselor (LPC) in the state of Vermont, 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 Vermont LPCs in order to renew their license every cycle.

Licensee Requirements for Vermont Licensed Professional Counselors

Professional counselors that are licensed in Vermont are required to complete 40 hours of continuing education activities every two years if they wish to continue their practice for another licensing cycle. All 40 hours must be from National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC)-approved courses or sponsors. For added flexibility for each licensee, LPCs are permitted to earn up to 28 hours, of the required 40, through individualized learning activities such as home study or virtual learning. Lastly, a minimum of four out of the 40 continuing education hours must be specifically in the topic area of ethics as it relates to counseling.

Key Takeaways:

- LPCs in Vermont must complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years.
- At least four hours need to be on the topic ethics.

Given licensed professional counselors 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 counselors. 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 Vermont, LPCs can clarify anything about their license by contacting the Board of Allied Mental Health by phone at the number (802) 828-1505.

Reference Links:

https://sos.vermont.gov/allied-mental-health/forms-instructions/

https://www.netce.com/ce-requirements/counselor-therapist/vt/