



Continuing Education Requirements for Vermont Licensed Social Workers (And How to Stay on Track)

As a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) 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 LCSWs in order to renew their license.

Licensee Requirements for Vermont Licensed Social Workers

Licensed clinical social workers in Vermont are required to fulfill 20 hours of continuing education every two years, if they wish to renew their license for another cycle. All of those hours must be documented, so licensees should keep record of their continuing education throughout the cycle. A minimum of 15 hours, of the required 20, must be taken through formal, in-person, education. Additionally, at least 1.5 hours have to be in ethics of social work practice, which includes issues such as confidentiality, boundaries, and dual relationships. Lastly, five hours can come from self-directed activities, so long as those activities do not earn the licensee financial compensation (such as lecturing).

Key Takeaways:

- **Vermont LCSWs must complete 20 hours of continuing education every two years.**
- **1.5 hours need to be in ethics of social work practice.**
- **At least 15 hours have to come from formal, in-person, learning.**
- **Up to five can be obtained through self-directed activities.**

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 20 or more certificates throughout the course of two years). As proof is required when you apply for renewal, and should be maintained for four years, 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!

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, LCSWs 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/media/y5wnj1rm/sw-rules-corrected-final-adopted-aug-9-2016.pdf> <https://sos.vermont.gov/social-workers/statutes-rules-resources/>