



Continuing Education Requirements for Washington D.C. Licensed Social Workers (And How to Stay on Track)

As a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) in the territory Washington D.C., 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 Washington D.C. LCSWs in order to renew their license.

Licensee Requirements for Washington D.C. Licensed Social Workers

All licensed clinical social workers in Washington D.C. have an obligation to complete 40 hours of continuing education ahead of the July 31 expiration of odd years. Within the 40 required hours, six must be regarding ethics, which can only be taken live, in-person. There are additional requirements that another two hours of continuing education be on LGBTQ training and four on public health priorities – both of those requirements can be earned online. Note: a maximum of 12 hours can be earned online, with the rest required to be taken in-person, and all 40 hours must be earned through approved courses or programs.

Key Takeaways:

- **Washington D.C. LCSWs must complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years.**
- **Six of the required hours must be on ethics, two in LGBTQ training, and four on public health priorities**
- **Licenses expire on July 31 of all odd-numbered years.**

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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Reference Link:

<https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/social-work-licensing>