



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

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

Licensee Requirements for Washington Licensed Social Workers

Licensed clinical social workers in the state of Washington are held to the same continuing education requirements as MFTs and LPCs in the state. All of which are required to fulfill 36 hours of continuing education every two years. The continuing education hours all need to be considered approved for continuing education, which are those offered or approved by industry-recognized entities. A helpful reference link to ensure a course or program will be accepted is [here](#). In addition to all 36 hours needing to be from approved providers, licensees must also meet the requirement that at least six hours be on professional ethics and law. Beyond that, six hours *every six years* needs to be on suicide assessment, treatment, and management. As a final note, up to 26 hours can come from distance learning, to allow room for added flexibility for licensees.

Key Takeaways:

- **Washington LCSWs need to obtain 36 hours of continuing education every two years.**
- **At least six hours each cycle must be on professional ethics and law.**
- **A minimum of six hours every six years should be on suicide intervention.**
- **No more than 26 hours can be from distance learning.**

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 36 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!

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 Washington, LCSWs can clarify anything about their license by contacting the Washington State Department of Health at the number (360) 236-4700.

Reference Links: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/SocialWorker/ContinuingEducationInformation>
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