



Continuing Education Requirements for Washington Marriage & Family Therapists (And How to Stay on Track)

As a licensed marriage and family therapist (MFT) 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 MFTs in order to renew their license every cycle.

Licensee Requirements for Washington Marriage & Family Therapists

In the state of Washington, licensed marriage and family therapists have the same continuing education requirements as their LCSW and LPC counterparts. They are required to complete 36 hours of approved continuing education every two years. Education will likely be accepted by the board if it is approved or provided by an industry-recognized organization or institution. Reference [this link](#) for a list of those entities. Within the required 36 hours of continuing education, there is a particular breakdown of the hours that licensees are expected to meet: no more than 26 hours can come from distance learning, six hours must be on ethics, and another six hours *every six years* need to be on suicide assessment, treatment, and management training.

Key Takeaways:

- **Every two years, Washington MFTs must complete 36 hours of continuing education.**
- **No more than 26 hours can be earned through distance learning .**
- **At least six hours each cycle need to be on ethics.**
- **A minimum of six hours, every six years, must be on suicide intervention training.**

Given marriage and family therapists 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, and should be maintained in the event that happens, 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 therapists. 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, MFTs can clarify anything about their license by contacting the Washington State Department of Health by phone at (360) 236-4700.

Reference Links:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/MarriageandFamilyTherapist/ContinuingEducationInformation#2>
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/AboutUs/ContactUs>