

Continuing Education Requirements for Washington Psychologists (And How to Stay on Track)

As a licensed psychologist in the state of Washington, it is your responsibility to adhere to continuing education requirements every 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 psychology – 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 psychologist in order to renew their license each cycle.

Licensee Requirements for Washington Psychologists

Licensed psychologists in the state of Washington are required to renew their license to practice every three years. As part of their license renewal, they are expected to have completed the required 60 hours of continuing education within the three-year cycle. Though documentation may not be required with renewal applications, it will be required if the examining board selects a licensee for an audit, so it should be maintained.

Within the required 60 hours for licensees, there is an additional requirement each licensing cycle that psychologist complete four hours of ethics training in their function (practice, research, consultation, teaching, or supervision). Every six years, or every other renewal cycle, licensees are also expected to complete six hours on suicide assessment, treatment, and management. The six-hour suicide intervention training requirement must meet all of the qualifications listed in <u>246-924-255</u> in order to be accepted.

Key Takeaways:

- Washington psychologists need to complete 60 hours of continuing education every three years.
- Four hours each cycle must be on ethics and six every other cycle on suicide intervention.

Given psychologists 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 60 or more certificates throughout the course of the three years). As proof is required if you are selected for an audit by the Board, 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 psychologists. 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 Links: https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=246-924-230 https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-924-255 https://leg.wa.gov/