

Continuing Education Requirements for Wyoming Licensed Professional Counselors (And How to Stay on Track)

As a licensed professional counselor (LPC) in the state of Wyoming, 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 Wyoming LPCs in order to renew their license every cycle.

Licensee Requirements for Wyoming Licensed Professional Counselors

Just as is true for MFTs and LCSWs, Wyoming licensed professional counselors are required to complete 45 hours of continuing education every two years in order to renew their license (by their birthday in their renewal year). Of the 45 hours required of them, three must be in professional ethics and another three in suicide prevention and intervention (as of 2020). Though there is complete flexibility around the number of hours than can be earned through distance learning, all continuing education activities must be Board-approved in order to count toward the license renewal requirement. Board-approved continuing education activities include the following: college courses, continuing education classes offered by approved entities (such as NBCC), presenting to other mental health professionals (up to six hours), and attending Board meetings (up to three hours). Finally, it is advised LPCs maintain their own record of their continuing education certificates for at least two years in the event of an audit.

Key Takeaways:

- Wyoming LPCs are obligated to earn 45 hours of continuing education every two years.
- Three hours must be in ethics and three in suicide prevention.
- Licenses expire on a licensee's birthday in their renewal year.

Given licensed professional counselors 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 45 or more certificates throughout the course of two years). As proof is required when you apply for renewal, and should be maintained for two 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 counselors. 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 Wyoming, LPCs can clarify anything about their license by contacting the Wyoming of Mental Health Professions Licensing Board by phone at the number (307) 777-3628 or via email at wyomhplb@wyo.gov.

Reference Links: https://mentalhealth.wyo.gov/rules-and-regulations

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