

# COMMUNITY CARE & COUNSELING (ED.D.) - MARRIAGE & FAMILY COUNSELING

**Important:** This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
EDCO 705	Issues and Trends in Community Counseling	3
EDCO 711	Advanced Group Counseling	3
EDCO 715	Applied Counseling Theories	3
EDCO 725	Teaching and Learning	3
EDCO 735	Statistics <sup>1,2</sup>	3
EDCO 740	Diagnosis and Treatment of Addictive Behaviors	3
EDCO 745	Intermediate Statistics and Research <sup>1</sup>	3
EDCO 747	Qualitative Methods of Research	3
EDCO 790	Crisis & Trauma Counseling	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>

<sup>1</sup> Intensive format optional

<sup>2</sup> Prerequisites are determined and assigned at admission into program

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Marriage &amp; Family Counseling Cognate</b>		
EDCO 806	Premarital and Remarriage Counseling	3
EDCO 811	Marriage Counseling	3
EDCO 815	Family Development	3
EDCO 817	Trauma and Current Issues in Marital Counseling	3
EDCO 820	Assessment in Marital & Family Counseling	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Dissertation Courses</b>		
EDCO 716	Dissertation Topic <sup>1</sup>	1
EDCO 770	Dissertation Formation <sup>1</sup>	1
EDCO 900	Dissertation Design	3
EDCO 988	Dissertation Proposal and Research <sup>1,2,3</sup>	5
EDCO 989	Dissertation Completion <sup>1,2,3</sup>	5
EDCO 990	Dissertation Defense <sup>1,3</sup>	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course is Pass/Fail

<sup>2</sup> Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed

<sup>3</sup> Ed.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDCO 988 a maximum of three times before their dissertation proposal is approved. Ed.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDCO 989 a maximum of three times. Extensions

for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the Ed.D. in Community Care & Counseling committee. Any student who is not ready for enrollment in EDCO 990 after completing EDCO 989 may be required, as determined by the student's dissertation chair, to repeat EDCO 989 until deemed ready for enrollment in EDCO 990

All applicable prerequisites must be met

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete 57 hours
- A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree
- Successful defense of Dissertation
- Degree must be completed within 7 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

## Program Offered in Online Format Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDCO 705	Issues and Trends in Community Counseling	3
EDCO 711	Advanced Group Counseling <sup>1</sup>	3
EDCO 715	Applied Counseling Theories	3
EDCO 716	Dissertation Topic <sup>2</sup>	1
EDCO 725	Teaching and Learning	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDCO 735	Statistics <sup>1,3</sup>	3
EDCO 806	Premarital and Remarriage Counseling	3
EDCO 740	Diagnosis and Treatment of Addictive Behaviors	3
EDCO 811	Marriage Counseling	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDCO 745	Intermediate Statistics and Research <sup>1</sup>	3
EDCO 815	Family Development	3
EDCO 747	Qualitative Methods of Research	3
EDCO 790	Crisis & Trauma Counseling	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDCO 770	Dissertation Formation <sup>2</sup>	1
EDCO 817	Trauma and Current Issues in Marital Counseling	3
EDCO 820	Assessment in Marital & Family Counseling	3
EDCO 900	Dissertation Design <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>10</b>

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDCO 988	Dissertation Proposal and Research <sup>2,4,5</sup>	5
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDCO 989	Dissertation Completion <sup>2,4,5</sup>	5
EDCO 990	Dissertation Defense <sup>2,5</sup>	0
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>57</b>

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<sup>2</sup> Course is Pass/Fail

<sup>3</sup> Prerequisites determined and assigned at admission into program

<sup>4</sup> Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed

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