

COMMUNITY CARE AND COUNSELING (ED.D.) - INTERNATIONAL CROSS-CULTURAL COUNSELING

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. 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
Program Courses		
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 ^{1,2}	3
EDCO 740	Diagnosis and Treatment of Addictive Behaviors	3
EDCO 745	Intermediate Statistics and Research ¹	3
EDCO 747	Qualitative Methods of Research	3
EDCO 790	Crisis & Trauma Counseling	3
Dissertation Courses		
EDCO 716	Dissertation Topic ³	1
EDCO 770	Dissertation Formation ³	1
EDCO 900	Dissertation Design	3
EDCO 988	Dissertation Proposal and Research ^{3,4,5}	5
EDCO 989	Dissertation Completion ^{3,4,5}	5
EDCO 990	Dissertation Defense ^{3,5}	0
Total Hours		42

¹ Intensive format optional.

² Prerequisites are determined and assigned at admission into program.

³ Course is Pass/Fail.

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

⁵ 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.

Code	Title	Hours
International Cross-Cultural Counseling Cognate		
EDCO 750	Introduction to Member Care Counseling	3
EDCO 751	Member Care from Calling to Reentry	3
EDCO 752	Cultural Issues in Member Care Counseling	3
EDCO 753	Engaging the Spiritual Realities of Member Care Counseling	3

Code	Title	Hours
TRMA 800	Child Adolescent Trauma Research Design	3
Total Hours		15

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
- 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

First Year		
First Semester		Hours
EDCO 705	Issues and Trends in Community Counseling	3
EDCO 711	Advanced Group Counseling	3
EDCO 715	Applied Counseling Theories	3
EDCO 716	Dissertation Topic	1
EDCO 725	Teaching and Learning	3
Hours		13
Second Semester		
EDCO 735	Statistics	3
EDCO 740	Diagnosis and Treatment of Addictive Behaviors	3
EDCO 750	Introduction to Member Care Counseling	3
EDCO 751	Member Care from Calling to Reentry	3
Hours		12
Second Year		
Third Semester		
EDCO 745	Intermediate Statistics and Research	3
EDCO 747	Qualitative Methods of Research	3
EDCO 752	Cultural Issues in Member Care Counseling	3
EDCO 790	Crisis & Trauma Counseling	3
Hours		12
Fourth Semester		
EDCO 770	Dissertation Formation	1
EDCO 753	Engaging the Spiritual Realities of Member Care Counseling	3
EDCO 900	Dissertation Design	3
TRMA 800	Child Adolescent Trauma Research Design	3
Hours		10
Third Year		
Fifth Semester		
EDCO 988	Dissertation Proposal and Research ^{1,2}	5
Hours		5

Sixth Semester

EDCO 989	Dissertation Completion ^{1,2}	5
EDCO 990	Dissertation Defense ²	0
Hours		5
Total Hours		57

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