COMMUNITY CARE & COUNSELING (EDCO)

EDCO 705 Issues and Trends in Community Counseling 3 Credit Hour(s)
An overview of key areas of community counseling including rehabilitation counseling, career counseling, school counseling, community advocacy, and counseling in diverse settings such as mental health agencies, employment agencies, and population-specific programs.
Note: Intensive course
Offered: Online

EDCO 711 Advanced Group Counseling 3 Credit Hour(s)
This course examines the theories related to group counseling and their application to group work. Students will learn the types of group work, basic group leader skills, group processes and procedures.
Note: Intensive courses
Offered: Online

EDCO 735 Statistics 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: Graduate Statistics Req with a score of 3
A review of descriptive and inferential statistics with attention to how these techniques are utilized in community counseling and the role of primary research in the counseling literature. Students will gain proficiency in research techniques data analysis.
Offered: Resident and Online

EDCO 740 Diagnosis and Treatment of Addictive Behaviors 3 Credit Hour(s)
The psychological and psychosocial effects of drug addiction and addictive behaviors on individuals, couples, and families are examined. Emphasis is placed on counseling skills and techniques.
Note: Intensive course
Offered: Online

EDCO 745 Intermediate Statistics and Research 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: EDCO 701 or EDCO 735
This course will cover the use of techniques related to the linear model and how to use such procedures to solve problems and to answer questions in the areas of community and counseling contexts. The application of multiple regression techniques to a wide range of quantitative research designs will be covered.
Offered: Resident and Online

EDCO 747 Qualitative Methods of Research 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: EDCO 716 and EDCO 735
This course examines qualitative methods used in social science research, focusing primarily on participant-observation, asking questions, writing field notes, and on the transformation of these primary field data into written ethnographic documents.
Offered: Online

EDCO 749 Crisis & Trauma Counseling 3 Credit Hour(s)
This course provides an overview of the aspects of stress and trauma, including examination of seminal texts and concepts. In addition, a foundational understanding of trauma counseling theories, and interventions will be offered, together with definitions, causative factors, incidence rates, and idiomatic factors of a number of traumatic events. Students will consider how science informs the delivery of effective counseling theory and technique for these clients with the goal of integrating ethical, effective, and biblically grounded care.
Offered: Online

EDCO 750 Advanced Tests and Measurements 3 Credit Hour(s)
An overview of personality and diagnostic assessment instruments. Students will learn testing procedures as well as interpretation and application of results in diagnosis and treatment planning.
Note: Intensive course
Offered: Resident and Online

EDCO 765 Premarital and Remarriage Counseling 3 Credit Hour(s)
An in-depth examination of the dynamics of marriage and family relationships, with emphasis on the structure and function of marriage, various aspects of the marital relationship, family systems, and ways to conduct premarital, divorce care, and remarriage counseling as a creative, preventative, and healing ministry.
Offered: Online

EDCO 768 Dissertation Research 1 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: EDCO 716 and EDCO 737 and EDCO 810
This course examines strategies for the effective building of a bibliography tailored to the needs creating a literature review in a dissertation proposal for the Ed.D. program in Community Care and Counseling. The role of bibliography and literature review in refining the dissertation topic, research question(s), and design is also considered.
Offered: Online

EDCO 811 Marriage Counseling 3 Credit Hour(s)
An in-depth examination and discussion of the major assessment and treatment approaches utilized in marriage and family counseling. Emphasis is placed on the development of practical skills and intervention techniques.
Offered: Online
EDCO 815 Family Development  3 Credit Hour(s)
An in-depth study of the developmental and psychological needs and problems of families, examined through the lens of personality types and family structures. Students will gain understanding of established counseling and intervention techniques used with families and children.
Offered: Online

EDCO 817 Trauma and Current Issues in Marital Counseling  3 Credit Hour(s)
An in-depth review of causes, interactions, effects, and treatment of trauma occurring within the marriage with a special emphasis placed on intimate partner violence, as well as infidelity, empty nest syndrome, limited duration marital contracts, and other current trends.
Offered: Online

EDCO 820 Assessment in Marital & Family Counseling  3 Credit Hour(s)
An in-depth examination of the types of assessment used in marital counseling. Students will learn how to select the best instrument for a particular situation, how to administer these, and how to interpret the results.
Offered: Online

EDCO 821 Ethics & Issues in Pastoral Counseling  3 Credit Hour(s)
An in-depth examination of ethical and legal issues encountered by community counselors, including ethical principles, professional codes of conduct, identifying and resolving ethical dilemmas, ethical decision-making models, and laws governing the profession.
Offered: Online

EDCO 826 Growth & Development of the Pastoral Counselor  3 Credit Hour(s)
Drawing upon Master’s level study of the person in life and ministry, additional factors are explored to develop an Evangelical Christian growth and development strategy for the doctoral level pastoral counselor. Research and assessment provide the foundation for this course as participants develop an understanding of their primary and functional purpose in ministry’s highly relational network.
Offered: Online

EDCO 831 Individual & Family Issues in Pastoral Counseling  3 Credit Hour(s)
Examining the various factors that hinder and destroy the family, this course provides an in-depth study of the issues encountered in pastoral counseling. Areas of discussion and examination include common mental health disorders, as well as issues that impact both the individual and family including family composition such as blended families, childbirth, parenting, and additional pertinent topics throughout the lifespan.
Offered: Online

EDCO 836 Premarital & Marital Issues in Pastoral Counseling  3 Credit Hour(s)
This course studies issues that affect the relationship and decision to marry in premarital counseling, as well as problematic factors in marriage such as marital distress and dissolution. Factors central to marital enrichment, renewal, stability, growth, and health are addressed by marriage theories and intervention strategies.
Offered: Online

EDCO 841 Crisis & Current Issues in Pastoral Counseling  3 Credit Hour(s)
Ranging from such endemic issues as domestic violence to preparation for both manmade and natural disasters, this course provides an in-depth study of the onset, duration, and appropriate interventions for various crises encountered in pastoral counseling. All aspects of crises that affect the individual, family or corporate worship group are open to examination.
Offered: Online

EDCO 865 Comprehensive Exam  0 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: EDCO 711 and EDCO 715 and EDCO 725 and EDCO 740 and EDCO 745 and EDCO 810 and EDCO 705 and EDCO 735 and EDCO 790
EDCO 865 · Comprehensive Exam (0 hours)
Offered: Online

EDCO 870 Dissertation Writing  1 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: EDCO 701 and EDCO 745
EDCO 870 · Dissertation Writing (1 hour)
Offered: Online

EDCO 871 Research Seminar  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: EDCO 865
EDCO 871 · Research Seminar (3 hours)
Offered: Online

EDCO 900 Dissertation Design  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: EDCO 716 and EDCO 735 and EDCO 745 and EDCO 747 and EDCO 770
A review of the process of developing research designs and conducting primary research. Students will develop a research prospectus that is anchored in current theory and research in the community counseling context which will serve as a basis for their doctoral dissertation proposal.
Note: Intensive format optional
Offered: Online

EDCO 988 Dissertation Proposal and Research  5 Credit Hour(s)
This course is required of all candidates seeking a doctoral degree in community care and counseling. All candidates must register for the course each semester, including summer, until scheduled defense of the dissertation.
Offered: Online

EDCO 989 Dissertation Completion  3,5 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: EDCO 988
This course is offered online only. It represents the formal research and writing of the Dissertation under the supervision of the Dissertation Chair and with input from the dissertation committee.
Offered: Online

EDCO 990 Dissertation Defense  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: EDCO 989
This course is offered online only. Upon the successful completion of writing the dissertation and with approval of the dissertation committee, the student will defend his research and dissertation before the doctoral committee.
Offered: Online

EDCO 999 Internship  3-6 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: EDCO 725 and EDCO 730 and EDCO 740 and EDCO 745 and EDCO 800 and EDCO 810
An opportunity to engage in experiential learning by participation in community counseling under supervision in an approved agency.
Offered: Resident and Online