

# 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 715 Applied Counseling Theories 3 Credit Hour(s)

A review, examination, and critique of counseling research, concepts, and theory constructs with applications in various community settings and populations.

**Note:** Intensive format optional  
**Offered:** Online

## EDCO 716 Dissertation Topic 1 Credit Hour(s)

This course orients the student to the overall dissertation development and writing process specific to the Ed.D. in Community Care and Counseling program.

**Offered:** Online

## EDCO 725 Teaching and Learning 3 Credit Hour(s)

An examination of established and emerging teaching and learning perspectives and practices, viewed through the lens of biblically framed pedagogy. Students will develop and reflectively practice their own philosophy of education in community contexts.

**Note:** Intensive course  
**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 741 Introduction to Research Methods 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course provides a broad overview of the three main approaches used in social science research: quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods. More specifically, emphasis is placed on students becoming scholarly consumers of research, able to make appropriate literature-research question-results interpretation-application assertions.

**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)

**Online 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 770 Dissertation Formation 1 Credit Hour(s)

**Online Prerequisite:** EDCO 716 and (EDCO 735 or EDCO 701) and EDCO 745 and EDCO 747

This course explores strategies for selecting an appropriate topic, research question(s), and design for the dissertation in the Ed.D. program in Community Care and Counseling. (Formerly EDCO 737)

**Offered:** Online

## EDCO 790 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 800 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 806 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 808 Dissertation Research 1 Credit Hour(s)

**Online Prerequisite:** ((EDCO 737 or EDCO 770) and (EDCO 810 or EDCO 900)) and EDCO 716

This course begins to prepare the candidate for the dissertation proposal process. More specifically, the candidate will begin to develop a literature review and research design appropriate for a viable dissertation proposal for an EdD in Community Care & Counseling.

**Offered:** Online

## EDCO 811 Marriage Counseling 3 Credit Hour(s)

An in-dept 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

**Offered:** Online

**EDCO 870 Dissertation Writing 1 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** EDCO 701 and EDCO 745

**Offered:** Online

**EDCO 871 Research Seminar 3 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** EDCO 865

**Offered:** Online

**EDCO 900 Dissertation Design 3 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** EDCO 705 and EDCO 711 and EDCO 715 and EDCO 716 and EDCO 725 and EDCO 735 and EDCO 740 and EDCO 745 and EDCO 747 and EDCO 770 and EDCO 790

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.

**Registration Restrictions:** All Core Courses, EDCO 716, EDCO 770, and 4 out of 5 cognate courses

**Note:** Intensive format optional

**Offered:** Online

**EDCO 988 Dissertation Proposal and Research 5 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** EDCO 705 and EDCO 711 and EDCO 715 and EDCO 716 and EDCO 725 and EDCO 735 and EDCO 740 and EDCO 745 and EDCO 747 and EDCO 770 and EDCO 790 and (EDCO 810 or EDCO 900) and ((EDCO 806 and EDCO 811 and EDCO 815 and EDCO 817 and EDCO 820) or (EDCO 821 and EDCO 826 and EDCO 831 and EDCO 836 and EDCO 841) or (TRMA 800 and TRMA 810 and TRMA 820 and TRMA 830 and TRMA 840))

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.

**Registration Restrictions:** EDCO 705, EDCO 711, EDCO 715, EDCO 716, EDCO 725, EDCO 735, EDCO 740, EDCO 745, EDCO 747, EDCO 770, EDCO 790, (EDCO 810 or EDCO 900), and all Cognate Courses

**Offered:** Online

**EDCO 989 Dissertation Completion 3,5 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** EDCO 988 or EDCO 808

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