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If you only need the buying answer: rental is the cheapest route in this snapshot, but the current paperback is still below the sampled used print comparator and below the sampled eBook. That means the current print price is not unreasonable. The question is whether you need the book only for one course or for later practicum-level use.

Current price comparison

Format	Source	Price	Link
Paperback	Merybook	\$72.06	Check price
Semester rental	eCampus	\$60.00	Check price
eBook	eCampus	\$84.24	Check price
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What this book actually teaches

An Innovative Approach to Career Counseling is a counseling text about vocational theory, identity, work, advising, and practical career intervention. The book matters because it helps readers connect career development ideas to actual counseling situations rather than treating career counseling as a narrow testing specialty.

That gives it value beyond the semester for some counseling students, especially those moving into practicum or advising-related work. But for others, the need is still mainly course-bound, which is why rental stays attractive.

When print is still worth buying

The honest cheapest route is rental. But the current paperback is still below the sampled eBook and below the sampled used print comparator, which keeps ownership reasonable if you want a copy for later counseling reference. The small price gap between rental and print makes this less one-sided than many textbook markets.

I would lean toward rental for a short-term course need. I would lean toward print for counseling students who expect to revisit career-development theory and intervention later in practicum or advising work.

Sources checked

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