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If you only need the buying answer

The current print listing for **Counseling and Therapy for Couples** is one of the strongest ownership routes in this part of the queue. It is almost identical to the sampled print-rental price and still below the sampled lifetime eTextbook price. That means the market is not really asking whether print is too expensive. It is asking whether temporary access saves enough to be worth giving up ownership.

Format	Source	Price
Print	Merybook	\$85.19 Check price
eBook (180 days)	Pearson+	\$59.94 Check price
Print rental	Pearson	\$84.99 Check price
Lifetime eTextbook	Digital market	\$89.99 Check price

This is a strong ownership case because the current print listing is effectively tied with rental and still better than lifetime digital. When that happens, buying the book often makes more sense than borrowing access to it.

What this book actually teaches

A couples-counseling text matters because it teaches how relationship patterns, communication, conflict, intimacy, systemic interaction, and therapeutic intervention fit together. These are not ideas most counseling students encounter once and then never need again. They often return in practicum, supervision, and later clinical work.

That is why a kept print copy can make sense. Students who expect to stay near counseling, marriage and family work, or clinical relational practice often benefit from owning a text they can annotate and revisit rather than renting temporary access.

Who should choose digital and who should buy print

Choose short digital access if your only goal is the smallest short-term cost. Buy print if you want a kept clinical reference and do not want to rent a book for almost the same price. In the current market, print is the stronger ownership-value route.

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