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If you only need the buying answer: the 180-day digital option is the cheapest route in this snapshot, with rental next. The current paperback is higher than both, but still below the sampled used print comparator and only modestly above the long-term digital option. So this is a real short-term-versus-long-term decision rather than a case of bad print pricing.

Current price comparison

Format	Source	Price	Link
Paperback	Merybook	\$128.70	Check price
Semester rental	eCampus	\$84.99	Check price
Digital access (180 days)	eCampus	\$59.94	Check price
Digital access (1825 days)	eCampus	\$107.99	Check price

What this book actually teaches

Developing Multicultural Counseling Competence: A Systems Approach is a counseling text about culture, identity, systems, power, and how competence develops in actual counseling work. The book matters because it asks readers to think reflectively and clinically, not just memorize multicultural terminology.

This kind of book often becomes more useful later in practicum and supervision than it felt during the initial reading phase. That gives it real ownership value for some counseling students, even if the lowest-cost route for one semester is still digital.

When print is still worth buying

The honest cheapest route is the 180-day digital option. But the current paperback only becomes easier to dismiss if you assume the book has no life after the course. For counseling students who expect to revisit multicultural competence later, a keepable

copy can still make sense.

I would lean toward digital or rental for a short course-bound need. I would lean toward print for counseling readers who expect to return to these frameworks during practicum, supervision, or later professional development.

Sources checked

- [eCampus rental check](#)
- [180-day digital access check](#)
- [long-term digital access check](#)