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If you only need the buying answer: Pearson+ is the cheapest short-term route in this snapshot, with rental next. The current paperback is still priced below the sampled long-term digital option and far below the sampled used print comparator, so this is not a bad print price. It is a time-horizon decision.

Current price comparison

Format	Source	Price	Link
Paperback	Merybook	\$99.69	Check price
Semester rental	eCampus	\$84.99	Check price
Pearson+ / eTextbook (180 days)	eCampus	\$59.94	Check price
Digital access (1825 days)	eCampus	\$107.99	Check price

What this book actually teaches

Introduction to Human Services: Through the Eyes of Practice Settings is a foundation text about service systems, client populations, professional roles, and the realities of practice across human-services settings. The book matters because it helps students connect abstract helping concepts to actual agencies, institutions, and community-based work rather than treating the field as a list of definitions.

This is the kind of book that can stay useful beyond one course, especially for students moving into later social work or human-services training. The question is not whether the book has value. It is whether you need that value after the current term ends.

When print is still worth buying

The honest short-term answer is digital. Pearson+ is clearly cheaper, and rental is also below the current paperback. But print is still priced reasonably enough to make sense if you want a book you can annotate and keep for later fieldwork, methods, or helping-

professions coursework.

I would lean toward Pearson+ or rental for a one-course need. I would lean toward print for students who expect to return to practice settings, professional roles, and human-services foundations later in their training.

Sources checked

- [eCampus rental check](#)
- [Pearson+ market check](#)
- [Long-term digital access check](#)