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If you only need the buying answer

The current print listing for **Therapeutic Communication for Health Care Professionals** is not the cheapest route in the sampled market. The digital and MindTap paths are both lower. So if your course is built around short-term access or platform-based work, digital is the more economical answer. The current print copy still matters for students who want a retained communication-skills text, but it is not the lowest sticker price.

Format	Source	Price	
Print	Merybook	\$78.98	Check price
eBook	Cengage	\$58.99	Check price
MindTap	Cengage	\$63.00	Check price
Print / rental reference	Cengage	\$80.00	Check price
Institutional reference	Course sheet	\$130.00	Check price

This is a good example of why “current listing is lower than campus pricing” is not enough by itself. Yes, the current print copy is better than the high institutional reference. But the sampled digital routes are still cheaper and may fit the course better if MindTap is required.

What this book actually teaches

A therapeutic-communication text matters because it teaches students how to move from generic kindness to purposeful professional communication. It usually covers listening, empathy, boundaries, patient interaction, conflict, difficult conversations, and the disciplined communication habits that matter in health-care settings.

That is why some students still want a print copy. Communication-skills books are often annotated and revisited during training because the material becomes practical only

through repeated reflection and use. So print still has value. It is just not the cheapest path in the current market.

Who should choose digital and who should buy print

Choose digital or MindTap if your section uses the platform or if you want the lowest short-term cost. Buy print if you specifically want a keepable communication-skills text and do not need the digital layer for graded work. In this market, digital wins on price; print only wins on ownership preference.

Sources checked

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