

### **So, you want to be a... Juvenile Court Counselor**

#### **Introduction**

Juvenile Court Counselors work directly with youth and their families, providing counseling and intervention services. Court counselors have daily opportunities to help North Carolina's troubled youth succeed. The work of a court counselor frequently takes them to homes, schools, agencies, juvenile justice facilities and other locations. They spend a majority of their time in court and traveling around the community to work with youth, families, teachers and other service providers. In this position, you will be expected to evaluate and process complaints of delinquent behavior, assess risks and needs, develop diversion plans, make recommendations to court, provide case management, and provide aftercare and post-release supervision to youth returning to the community.

#### **Education**

An undergraduate degree in a human services field, such as criminal justice, is required.

#### **Other Requirements/Information**

- 2 years of experience working with the juvenile/family client population and/or related human service case management experience, OR Master's degree in a human services field
- Complete and pass the juvenile justice officer basic training certification program
- Pass a background check and drug screening
- Pass a psychological test, sexual risk screening test, and a physical
- Be a U.S. citizen and be at least 20 years of age
- Knowledge of adolescent development, different counseling approaches, and community resources preferred

#### **For More Information**

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