# CAREERS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CRIMINOLOGY

# So, you want to be a... Youth Counselor Technician

#### <u>Introduction</u>

Individuals are expected to provide feedback about juveniles to the treatment team. They are also expected to provide security and control, maintain custody, and keep up with documentation and paperwork. Daily records to be completed include documenting safety violations, activity briefing for shift personnel, crisis intervention events, behavioral problems, and youth progress updates. Positions are available in youth development centers and youth detention centers.

### **Education**

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

## Other Requirements/Information

- Complete and pass the juvenile justice officer basic training certification program
- Pass a criminal background check and drug screening test
- Pass the psychological test and sexual risk screening test
- Pass a physical
- Be a U.S. citizen and at least 20 years old
- Knowledge about institutional programming, behaviors exhibited by adjudicated youth, and supportive counseling techniques preferred

#### **For More Information**

NC Department of Public Safety Youth Counselor Technician