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Probation Officer Interview Questions

1. Why do you want to work as a probation (parole) officer?
2. What do you want to accomplish on this position? (keep people out of prison and keep them going back to prison)
3. Tell us something about your education (sociology and criminal justice, not necessary but helpful).
4. How do you imagine a typical day in work?
5. What do you consider the toughest aspect of this job? (motivating people to change - very tiring, very difficult, especially those with substance abuse)
6. How do you feel about carrying/using a firearm?
7. How do you want to build relationships of trust with the offenders?
8. What do you consider your greatest weakness as a probation officer?
9. Why did you decided for youth/adult probation?
10. How would you say whether a person (offender, their family member) is telling turth to you?
11. Describe a typical probationer
12. Many criminal offenders have emotional and psychological problems. Do you think you can handle to work with these people?
13. How would you react if a client was acting in a hostile manner against you?
14. How important is paperwork for you?
15. How important is teamwork for you? Do you consider yourself a team player?
16. How do you feel about going to court and giving testimony about one of your clients?
17. What do you expect from your supervisors and other colleagues at work?
18. How do you plan to track probationers' progress?
19. How do you feel about working on Sundays/in the night?
20. How do you plan to deal with responsibility you'll have in this job?

Source and answers to all questions: <https://interviewpenguin.com/probation-officer-interview-guide-book/>