

The New Jersey State Parole Board (SPB) is committed to promoting public safety, utilizing effective methods to aid supervised offenders in reentering society, and to reduce the recidivism of offenders while addressing the needs of crime victims. As required by law, appointed parole board members and staff conduct approximately 13,500 hearings per year, solicit input from victims, and decide upon parole matters. Nearly 400 sworn SPB parole officers supervise more than 15,500 offenders and act as New Jersey's primary law enforcement agency responsible for sex offender supervision. Additionally, SPB officers are also active partners with a variety of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and task forces. Finally, the SPB's Community Programs Unit partners with government, non-profit, and private agencies to connect former inmates with vocational, mental health, and related services.

If you are interested in additional information regarding careers or internships, please contact:

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BECOME A NEW JERSEY STATE PAROLE BOARD PAROLE COUNSELOR APPRENTICE



\$49,000+ to start

**Civilian Positions:
Parole Counselor Apprentice
Senior Parole Counselor
Principal Parole Counselor**

PAROLE COUNSELOR APPRENTICES

Parole Counselor Apprentices work under a New Jersey State Parole Board Release Division supervisor at the agency's Central Office located in Trenton, or satellite office at one of the State's correctional facilities. Parole Counselor apprentices learn how to review and maintain inmate case files, calculate parole eligibility dates, and schedule parole hearings for inmates housed in both state and county correctional facilities.

The parole eligibility dates must be provided to inmates within 90 days of their admission to state prison. Under the close supervision of a Principal Parole Counselor, Parole Counselor Apprentices review weekly computer-generated lists that determine which inmates are eligible for parole consideration. The names of eligible inmates are then sent to each county prosecutor office for review and publication.



The prosecutor's office is given the opportunity to provide input related to an inmate's parole release if it is deemed appropriate to do so.

Principal Parole Counselors supervise Parole Counselor Apprentices in how to coordinate the initial hearing process which include certification of the pre-parole packages, the scheduling of hearings, and supportive services for Hearing Officers and New Jersey State Parole Board panel members.



Part of this process involved the preparation of case files and other relevant materials including psychological and behavioral reports, educational and programmatic accomplishments, and detailed criminal histories. Parole Counselor Apprentices verify that all pre-hearing processes have been completed, and ensure that the panel hearing process proceeds in accordance with New Jersey State regulations.



Parole Counselor Apprentices conduct interviews with inmates at various stages of the parole process to provide information to those who may be eligible for parole, and provide information to inmates concerning parole eligibility and parole plans. Parole Counselor Apprentices complete discharge plans for offenders being released to parole supervision. They also review and prepare responses to inmates' correspondences regarding their particular parole process.

Parole Counselor Apprentice eligibility requirements include:

- A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- Potential candidates must pass a civil service examination administered by the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.