



Strengthening Public Defenders.
Transforming Public Defense.

CORE 101 Application Questions

1. Describe a specific experience in your life that influenced your desire to become a public defender and explain how it led you to indigent defense work.
2. What challenges or obstacles have you experienced, or do you anticipate you will experience working with indigent clients? How have you confronted those challenges in the past, or how will you manage them when encountered?
3. What do you consider to be your greatest work-related professional or personal challenge that you have overcome? Describe how you overcame adversity in this instance.
4. What professional skills do you currently possess? What professional skills do you want to develop as a public defender?
5. What social justice issues are you most passionate about? Please give examples of how you are actively advocating for the social justice issues you are most passionate about.
6. What do you hope to achieve by being a part of the Gideon's Promise community?
7. Where do you see yourself, professionally, in 10 years? How will participation in Gideon's Promise CORE 101 curriculum help you achieve that?
8. Why do you believe you are an ideal candidate for the CORE 101 program and what do you believe you will bring to the Gideon's Promise community?