

1.If anything was possible, what would your dream job be, and why?

If anything was possible, my dream was to become a Certified Public Accountant. Ever since junior high school, I was being open to my friends and family about that dream, that was why I took the ABM strand during my senior high school and was so happy when I passed my entrance exam in college and took my dream course which was BS Accountancy. I wanted to be a Certified Public Accountant because I want to work with numbers. Since being a Certified Public Accountant, you really need to master the art of analyzing, I wanted to exercise my brain and also challenge myself. I wanted to be part of the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants, also known as PICPA, and meet other accountants during conferences, training, seminars, and other events and learn from them. Also, I always wanted to work in a big firm and be surrounded by CPAs.

2. Have you ever experienced a stressful situation in your past workplace (college if fresh graduate), what was it and how did you overcome it?

I experienced stressful situations back when I was still in college and at my part-time job as well. In my college days, I think it was during the time that we were conducting our thesis and feasibility study simultaneously. Our thesis adviser was our subject teacher in the feasibility study, and our feasibility study adviser was our teacher in the thesis. It was stressful, not because of the requirements that we needed to pass, but because of both teachers. Their comments and suggestions were not aligned with each other, especially in the format of the papers, that was why we took a lot of time to finish both our papers because we were contemplating what format we were going to use. For my part-time job, I think the most stressful situation was when I started as a reconciler because of loads of work, so I had a hard time adjusting at first.

3. In your previous position, what task did you find most challenging and why? What task did you enjoy most and why?

In my previous position, the task that I found most challenging was being a reconciler. When I was promoted to reconciler, I didn't have any experience working in that kind of position, so I was very nervous. When I became one, I was very challenged since there are a lot of tasks to do before, during, and after the conduct of the actual inventory count. I was also doing admin tasks and reconciliation with the client's IMS and there were terms that I am not familiar with. The task that I enjoyed the most was being a counter. Prior to my promotion as a reconciler, I was a counter and we were the ones who conducted the actual inventory count of the client. I enjoyed it the most since we were doing rounds inside the manufacturing plant, I could see all the products of our clients, and most of the time my counterpart from their OPS would give me one of their products to drink.

4. How would your previous managers/coworkers describe you?

I think my previous manager would describe me as someone who works really well, someone who gives a high quality of work to our clients, and someone that is reliable and trustworthy. Since every time that we were conducting our monthly count, we really checked if the previous month's issues were fixed, so our HQ lead (Headquarter lead) would tell us that we did a good job. My HQ lead also trusts me and my Co-reconciler because every time there are issues whether or not it is related to our client or not, she would tell us everything about that issue. My coworkers would also describe me as someone who is reliable and honest. Since as a reconciler I am the one who records their time and solves their salary for that day, I want to be seen as someone who values honesty and transparency, and I'm very happy that they looked at me as someone that I want to be looked at.

5. What personal or professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

The personal accomplishment that I am most proud of was when I graduated from college. Since there are a lot of people my age that were not given the opportunity to study, I am very happy that I was able to, despite the challenges and problems that have arisen during the four years that I was studying in college. It is one of my personal accomplishments also to have been able to have a part-time job during the time that I was still studying since I was able to help with our family's daily needs. In terms of my professional accomplishments, the thing that I am proud of was during our period 6 inventory count. Normally, our reconcilers would finish their tasks at around 2 – 4 am. But during our period 6 count, we were able to finish our tasks at 8 pm, so we were praised by our HQ lead, and also the finance team leader of our client was very happy because even though we finished early, we still achieved the target of our client which is 99% accuracy.