

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

If anything was possible, I would've wanted to be a Special Education teacher. Growing up, I have always loved children. As I said during our introduction, I am everyone's favorite aunt because I am good at understanding and taking care of my nieces and nephews. Being raised in a broken home, I developed my maternal instinct at an early age, which I think is the main reason why I am fond of little children because I literally stood as the mother and father of my younger sisters. That's why if given a chance, I would've taken the Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Major in Special Education course, to eventually become a teacher and be surrounded by little kids more often. I said I wanted to be a Special Education teacher because a very special place in my heart is dedicated to special children, especially now that one of my own nephews has been diagnosed with autism.

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 have loved every job opportunity that I had before. Each one of them has in some way helped mold me into the kind of person and employee that I am today. But if I were to point out a specific workplace and situation that has given me more stress than necessary, I guess I would say it was during my employment at Bacolod City Water District as Engineering department's secretary. The workload was actually fine in the beginning, but it was only during the start of the proposal for the privatization of the water district that things got out of hand. Most of my co-employees come to work and do nothing, especially those permanent employees planning to retire or be bought out by the private company, which left us, the job order employees, to do their jobs for them. I was able to overcome it by managing my time well, and prioritizing what needs to be done first. To avoid being at the office after working hours, I bring my work laptop home to be able to finish more of the tasks at home, and sometimes I request overtime during the weekends to be able to meet deadlines.

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

Being an accounts receivable staff of Star Paper Corporation – Bacolod Depot, I find the handling of the actual account envelopes of the customers most challenging. Although I have also been an accounts receivable analyst before, I was not able to post in an actual account envelope because I encode all the account entries in the system. It took me a while to be familiar with the company's manual process, but when I got the hang of it, things went smoothly from there.

Of all the tasks assigned to me, I enjoyed the part where I sometimes act as the cashier if the cashier is not around, because it gives me a chance to know and communicate with our customers even for such a short period of time. I also enjoyed being the one assisting them in getting their orders at the warehouse because I really like going there to see and get familiarized with the items that we are selling.

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

If someone were to ask my previous manager and coworkers to describe me, I guess they would describe me as a hardworking and dedicated employee. It is mainly because, during my time there, I really took my job seriously because the role was a vital part of the whole operation. They will also say that about me because sometimes even during break time or lunch, I will still continue working if I have a pending task at hand. It's just that I cannot seem to focus on other things or rest until I finish what I am working on. Some of them might also say that I am the quiet type because I seldom talk to them and don't engage in conversations without being asked. But I do hope none of them will take that as me being a snob, it is just that I am always busy inside my office that's why I was not able to interact with them, and that most of them seem busy, too.

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

The accomplishments that I am most proud of are being able to graduate college on time and passing the board exam. Although I had it easy in the financial aspect unlike most of my batchmates, I was struggling with my mental and emotional health because of problems at home. I had a very difficult time at home which ironically was supposed to be my safe place and comfort zone. My parents made my life very difficult after they separated. They always placed me in a spot where I had to choose between them, where making one happy would mean upsetting the other, which was very hard. Not to mention doing this alone and making sure that none of my sisters go through it, too. I also had to do well in school because I was afraid to get them disappointed. That's why I am so proud of myself for being able to surpass it all with my sanity intact because none of it was easy.