



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

If anything is possible, my dream job would be working in a plant or factory as an Electrical Engineer, specifically in the Maintenance or Powerhouse Department. There are many reasons why I want it and why I could not achieve it yet, at the present time.

I had experience working with Electrical Engineers in a plant during my on-the-job training in the year 2022. It was in the Asian Alcohol Corporation, located at the Municipality of Pulupandan. It was fulfilling to acquire that opportunity because the Engineers opened my eyes to the reality that dealing with electrical works such as troubleshooting a machine, operating a generator and motor, and maintaining equipment are challenging yet an achievement once done successfully. In addition, I want to work in the plant as an Electrical Engineer because I like seeing industrial columns and conveyors operating. Also, I enjoy handling engineering services with a team.

However, I could not pursue it yet for two reasons — to proceed for two and half years for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and to get a license. I know that I need enough financial support to comply with these requirements. I am hopeful that I can reach them soon by God's grace.

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?

To encounter stress in a place or a certain situation is inevitable. However, it can be relieved depending on the coping mechanisms of an individual.

In my case, one of the stressful situations I experienced during my college days was when our professor bombarded us with a lot of tasks for our thesis paper while I was grieving the loss of my mother. During this time, I had to keep my focus and handle my emotions well to manage my responsibilities at my mother's wake and in my academics. It was exhausting because I was the group leader for our thesis title that time. This circumstance tested my strength in working tasks under pressure, but with determination, perseverance, my skills in multitasking, and my coping strategy of stress, I survived it.

How did I overcome that stressful situation? I communicated with my groupmates about the death of my mother. I asked for consideration and gave them assurances that I would still be active in making the thesis paper. After that, I paused for a while to relax, refresh, and plan for it. I took a power nap for about three hours to regain my energy. It was my way to relax, so I could think properly for the next plan.



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

College life is a phase in the academic journey of students that exposes them to various pieces of training in preparation for real work in the industry by providing them with higher level tasks such as making Thesis Paper and attending internships. In my case, I was a fourth-year college student when I experienced the most challenging and enjoyable tasks.

Making our Thesis Paper was the activity that challenged me a lot. The Thesis Paper was a pre-requisite for our Supervised Industrial Training (SIT). This internship was also a requirement for graduation. Creating our Thesis Paper encompassed brainstorming for the final title, verifying the title in various patent databases (to confirm its originality), researching, composing content for each chapter of the paper, building the product model or prototype, testing the product model, and defending the Thesis Paper. Looking back at the time made me think that it was rewarding because my group endured and defended it, successfully.

Furthermore, the task that I enjoyed most was building our prototype or the product model of our thesis. It was a detector that identifies damaged electrical wires in the distribution line of electricity through sensing their continuity. I loved it because it sharpened our ability to read the circuit diagrams and transform it into a real model through connection of its electrical components. Also, it was satisfying to see when the product worked after switching it ON.

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

When I was having my second internship at Ryonan Electric Philippines Corporation in Laguna Technopark, my superiors and co-trainees would describe me as modest, smart, organized, and hard-working.

They said I am modest because I am quiet when not approached by someone, I am slow and careful in my movement, and I speak softly.

Also, they viewed me as smart because I am good at Mathematics. There was a scenario at that time when a co-trainee from Bicol approached me and asked me to solve a math problem. That item was looking for the value of variable "x." With humility, I was able to present the way it should be calculated. One of my superiors on the production floor was also observing us. They acknowledged me for it, and I was shy yet grateful because they saw my skill in that field.

In addition, my co-trainees who were my roommates as well in the apartment described me as an organized and hardworking person. They recognized my neatness in wearing my uniform and arranging my personal things in the apartment. Also, they said that I am hardworking because I would agree whenever I was asked to take overtime and to work on Sunday, even if it was my day off. I agree with this compliment because if I have no other errands to run, I take the offer.



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

In the world, there is no man living without any accomplishments in life. I believe this thought because achievements are not all about acquiring the tangible things that we aim for, but also having the chance to breathe and continue living on earth.

Personally, to have experienced living miles away from my family to attend my internship in Laguna for five months was among the accomplishments that I am most proud of. I am an only child and before it happened, I never encountered moving out of my home. I never tried living in the boarding house near my university, Technological University of the Philippines – Visayas. I am proud of myself that I was able to manage my needs in Laguna, independently. I did not even ask for financial assistance from my father because I had my allowance from the company. Despite that, I was still able to save some of my allowance, and through this, I was able to treat my family when I came back to my hometown.