



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

My dream job is to become a special education teacher. I want to work with students who have learning, mental, emotional, or physical disabilities. It's a dream for me not because it is a tough job, but because it takes a great teacher to fulfill his/her unique role as an educator. I want to develop my skills in teaching, mentoring, facilitating, planning and assessing students with special needs. And to know and understand them as a person. Being a special education teacher is also important in society because they can give the children opportunities to get quality education in line with their unique needs.

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?

Yes, I have experienced a stressful situation in my past workplace. Being a teacher back then, I faced different challenges which made me grow personally and professionally. Dealing with different people, especially students, was the most challenging for me. I have encountered students with unruly behaviors. It was the time when I questioned my capabilities as a teacher. I have overcome it gradually by being considerate and patient. I also had opportunities to talk to my colleagues about the proper way to deal with them without hurting their feelings. Lastly, I learned from the students to be genuine and to be understanding of their individual needs.

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

The most challenging task for me was reaching out to my students' parents. I was dealing with 40 students, and it was a challenge to keep their parents updated. It was a difficult task because I needed to inform them individually regarding their child's performance at school. If there are problems, I have to call their attention as well. The parents I was dealing with were busy at the same time. So, I must be firm and objective with my decisions to solve any issues at school. On the other hand, I enjoyed teaching with my students. Discovering their talents and skills also excites me. They have taught me lessons in life too, such as being strong when life is tough and not giving up on oneself.



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

In my opinion, my previous coworkers would describe me as a quiet but easy-to-go-along-with kind of person. I became friends with most of my colleagues. And I know, they consider me as one as well. In times of difficulty, may it be work-related issues, or personal problems, I had opportunities to help and be there for them. During working hours, I tried to be quiet and show respect to the teachers I was working with. I can say that I had a fun and good working environment back then.

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

Knowing the heavy tasks and responsibilities of a teacher here in the Philippines, they tend to forget their role to facilitate and create a positive, safe and student-centered environment. But when I was still working, I received an accomplishment that I am most proud of. It was when a student told me that I became a second mother to him. He was a student who had a lot of problems before, not just at school but at his home as well. I gave moral support to this student. After a year of being my advisee, I've seen improvements and was able to pass his grade level. Upon hearing it from a student made me feel like I fulfilled my duties and responsibilities as a teacher. It motivated me to become a better individual personally and professionally. It may look small to others but for me, it was one of the best accomplishments that a teacher could have.