

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

If I had been given a chance to redirect myself to my dream job, I would see myself working as an accountant. I have always dreamed of becoming an accountant since I was in high school. I dreamed of working in an accounting firm where I would be able to prepare financial statements, bookkeeping, and analyze financial problems. I perceived that the task of being an accountant was to only count bills. Later I know that as I took that course in college, I realized that it was far different from what I expected. During my first year and second year as a college student, I was an accounting student, but sadly I didn't meet the standard grade. Even though I didn't qualify to become such, I always dreamed of becoming one. I always dreamed of it, and I was more inspired to become such because during my Onthe-Job training, the owner always tells me that I have the potential to become one. It is always a reminder for me that being an accountant we should always value integrity.

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, stressful situations are always part of one's life. As a leader of our research group, the stress that I experienced was too heavy to carry on. I have times when I am ready to step down as a leader because of the stress that it took me. Misunderstanding and miscommunication are one of the main problems. During my research journey, I focused more on delegating tasks to my groupmates so that we finish them within the deadline. As a leader, I always provide detailed instructions for them are not follow to derive the correct information and format. However, some of them are not following instructions and give me information that was made by Artificial Intelligence (AI). One thing that I did was to always communicate with them on what to do. I let them generate their task for them to check if their part is not AI-generated. For me to overcome the stress, I focus more on the solution for me not to waste my time doing the task and to submit it within the deadline.

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

During my On-The-Job training, the tasks given to me were the preparation of the financial statement, bookkeeping, and BIR Compliance. The task that I found most challenging was to prepare a financial statement for a client. I find it challenging because some of the data is not completely provided and I need to find supporting details for me to base the accurate value for that certain account. Comparing financial data with the previous year was challenging since some details were not completely stated, the wrong amount was encoded, and no notes to financial statement were provided. It's challenging since it is important to always balance it and compare it with other documents in BIR (1701, 1601 EQ, etc.). It was so challenging, yet I enjoyed doing this task. It helps me to develop my accuracy skills and being keen on details. The most satisfying part of this task was to be derived with the right amount and balance all the statements.

4. How would your past colleagues or managers describe your work ethic?

During my On-The-Job training, the owner and the supervisor described me as a person who is passionate and dedicated doing the task. The owner always assigned me to prepare financial statements for almost all of her clients and the business type was a corporation. It was challenging and a big company that required full dedication. She always lets me check all the papers of my co-OJTs to see if all are balanced and correctly formatted. Also, they would describe me as someone who is organized and keen on details. As we prepare annual income tax returns, they let me check the statement of income in every farmer to see if it is correctly stated in 1701 form or the Annual Tax Return. This task requires accuracy and keen details to avoid amendments and penalties. After I finished my 400 hours working with them, I was awarded as the Best Practicumer in our course.

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

One accomplishment I am most proud of was to graduate with an Accounting Information System degree. I am so proud of myself that even if I struggle a lot with all the tasks and responsibilities as a student, I can say that it is worth the hassle. I am so proud that I made my parents happy for me when I finished my studies. I may not have a Latin honor, but they are so proud of me that I achieved my dreams. As the oldest child, there was a lot of pressure. I am so proud that I can be able to graduate as a scholar which helps my family financially. In addition, we received the Best Accounting Research despite all the stress and misunderstanding with my groupmates. Moreover, I was awarded as the Best Practicumer in our course. This all shows that all my struggles, setbacks, and stress really paid off.



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