



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

In an ideal world where nurses are adequately compensated, given good working hours, and have a non-toxic workplace, being a staff nurse in a hospital would have been a dream job for me. Ever since I was younger, helping people has always been my own source of happiness because making others feel better also makes me joyful in return. Although my main goal in becoming a nurse during college has been to find prosperity on the materialistic side of things, the simple childhood dream of being a helpful person has always carried me through my time as a student. Presently, the reality of being a nurse does not paint an ideal situation; hence, I have chosen a more pragmatic and practical type of dream job, which is to work in an office. Here at Pathcutters I can have job security and structure in my life, a more optimal scenario than being a nurse in the Philippines during these current times. I may not be living the dream that I once had, but I am still happy with myself today since I am going to be helping people, albeit in a different way.

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?

My experience as a student nurse has given me many instances of stressful workplace events. An example of this event was during my first encounter with a newborn. To increase our familiarity with patients of all ages, we were given the chance to care for babies immediately after birth. Our responsibility entails having to give vital injections for the baby's protection, measuring their vital signs, and warming them so they do not get cold. When it became my turn to do these tasks, I became so nervous that my hands were shaking, such that I could no longer hold the needle straight. However, instead of passing on my duties to someone else, I made sure to take deep breaths and recite the steps in the process within my head so that I could ground myself enough to calm down. In the end, I was able to complete my task without any untoward events happening soon after. My realization from this experience was that there are times when my preparations are already enough to carry me through and that the only thing holding me back is fear of the unknown. With this, I believe that it is necessary to always be prepared and to push through bravely despite doubts that may come my way.



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

The task I found most challenging during my time when I used to go on duty in the hospital was talking to patients. There are all kinds of people you can encounter when working in a clinical setting, from the friendly and talkative to the grumpy and stubborn. Even outside of a professional setting, I would not rate myself well as a conversationalist, so being forced to talk to people who may be going through the worst time of their lives was a challenge for me. On the opposite end of the work opinion spectrum, the task I enjoyed most was documenting. The bulk of completing the documentation would usually occur near the end of our working hours. I enjoyed this activity the most since it felt like a sign that my work for the day is done and that I can now go home and sleep to forget what happened during the shift.

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

My past schoolmates would most likely describe my work ethic as reliable and satisfactory. I am considered dependable since I am always readily available whenever there are tasks that need to be completed during a group activity. Whether it is the weekend or the middle of the night, I am willing to be of help if it can aid in completing the assignment of our team. Aside from that if there are tasks that I have committed myself to I always finish them within the timeframe and criteria that I have promised. My work ethic is regarded as satisfactory because I always try to produce outputs that are made as excellently as possible within my abilities. Even if I am not familiar with the process, I am eager to go the extra mile and learn about it through different sources so that I can better complete my task. I may not have the perfect work ethic, but I can be counted on in difficult times to produce remarkably good outputs.

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

The professional accomplishment I am most proud of is getting licensed as a registered nurse. Even though I am not currently using my license for its intended purpose, I am proud of this achievement since it is the icing on top of the cake that was the four long years of nursing school. Passing the board exam feels like the world's collective acknowledgment of my hard work, diligence, and perseverance during college. Amidst the pandemic, limited practical experience in working at the hospital, and getting exposed to illnesses from all walks of life, the shining RN at the end of my name signifies the trials and tribulations I have experienced to become the person that I am today. Whether I end up working in the profession I studied or not, I am happy to have been a student nurse and to have experienced a perspective on life that I never would have welcomed outside of the field of healthcare.