



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

Growing up, I had no dream job. I was always wondering what I wanted to become in the future. My classmates already had ideas and plans, and I was clueless. However, in my third year of high school, I fell in love with chemistry. I excel in math and science, and chemistry has both. I finally have a dream profession. I want to be a chemical engineer.

Chemical engineering is more than just playing with the elements on the periodic table. It has plenty of branches to explore and learn from. Its complexity challenges my mind to think critically and analyze the formulas, substances, and compounds. Moreover, I love wearing lab gowns, creating new formulas, and exploring laboratory equipment. Chemical engineering has a lot to offer that is within my interest and passion. If it weren't for my medical condition, I would pursue chemical engineering. Being a chemical engineer will always be my dream job, and it's the one that got away.

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?

During my college years, there were a lot of stressful situations, especially during online classes. One of them was to report on a topic given on the same day. Although it was a group report, there were members who had reasons why they could not contribute. As a result, I would be forced to absorb and do their assigned tasks. On the other hand, I would create a checklist on sticky notes so that I could monitor my progress. I also assigned colors to determine the urgency of my tasks. Furthermore, I would ask my groupmates to send their research an hour before the class so that I could study and proofread our report.

At first, I was always complaining to my friends. However, as time went by, I realized that it was enhancing my efficiency and productivity. It served as training for me to work under pressure. I noticed that complaining would just delay my work. It is good to let off some steam, but do not spend most of your time complaining. Rather, do the work with diligence. Those situations taught me how to be resilient. I could say that it was very beneficial for my own development. Having to face the same situation, I don't struggle or panic anymore. I learned how to organize my thoughts and control my emotions.



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

I did my on-the-job training at J.A. Lamboso & Co., CPAs, where I was assigned to different areas of accounting and auditing. During my OJT, I found bank reconciliation the most challenging. The company we were doing the bank reconciliation for had a prior auditor. The previous year's bank reconciliation prepared by the prior auditor had many errors and line items without a description or account name. Moreover, we had no access to the previous year's bank statement and books of the client. It took us over a month to balance the accounts per book and per bank.

On the other hand, I enjoyed encoding in QNE accounting software the most. I was able to explore the software and discover its different functions. At first, I was hesitant about what to encode, what tax rate to use, and what the account's classification was. However, upon finishing my first voucher, I gained confidence in what I was doing, knowing that I was doing it right. I eventually enjoyed this task.

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

I was a helping hand to my colleagues. Whenever they had problems with the task, I would make sure to help when they needed it. I would demonstrate how I did my task and try to teach them. However, there were times they felt like they could not approach me because I was staring seriously at the screen of my laptop. I was completely unaware that I was frowning while focusing on my work.

I could communicate effectively, according to my supervisor. I knew when to ask for further instructions if I needed them. Most of the time, I would do my work independently and would later let my supervisor check my work. My supervisors liked my initiative and self-discipline. When given a specific task, I would rather finish my task and ask for another set of tasks than kill time waiting to be given the next set of tasks.

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

Finishing my on-the-job training was my first professional accomplishment. My OJT journey was not easy, especially during the month when we did the bank reconciliation. I spent numerous sleepless nights just to figure out the previous year's bank reconciliation. I felt like there was no light at the end of the tunnel. However, it felt more fulfilling and rewarding after finishing that task. It was a job well done for me and my colleagues.

Passing the SM Foundation, Inc. scholarship program was my personal accomplishment that I am most proud of. I got to finish college without spending a penny on my tuition fee. I felt good knowing that my parents didn't have to borrow money just to send me to school. I was also



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given the chance to work as a part-time employee of the SM Store Bacolod. I was able to buy my parents a fan. They would not endure the heat anymore.

I know these are just small accomplishments, but they are just the start of many more to come.