



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

If anything was possible, my dream job would be to become a civil engineer. It was my first career choice ever since I saw my uncle's blueprints. My uncle was a civil engineer before he passed away, and I was inspired by how he would thoroughly plan out every single detail of making a house from the beams, the furnishing, plumbing, and the like. He would often show me some of his old blueprints and I would draw them in my own sketchbook. I was hooked on how detailed civil engineers can be and whenever I meet someone who is in the same field, I would ask them for autographs manifesting that I could also become someone like that in the future. Unfortunately, things didn't go as planned and I redirected my own career path, but I will always have my respect towards civil engineers because it is not easy to be one.

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?

I think being in college, you would be always put into stressful situations especially during project week or what we would refer to as "hell week". It is called "hell week" because that is the week prior to our exams and this is the period where we are doing projects like presentations, paper works, and role plays for some subjects. We are expected to study at the same time to do well on our performance tasks. So, whenever this happens, my way of coping is through eating. I think it is also very evident from how I gained weight since the first year I entered the university. Stress-eating helps me overcome stressful environments. I would usually go to the cafeteria or even go to nearby cafes together with my friends just to take a breather from our tasks. This became a habit for me and even though I'm not really that hungry, I would occasionally eat if I felt anxious or stressed.

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

From my previous experience working under the Commission on Audit (COA) department in Land Bank of the Philippines, whenever our supervisors would go to their fieldwork, we are also expected to go with them. So, one time we went to Banko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) because they would also audit there, we were tasked to cross check the cash flow of money coming in and out of the bank and who are the people the money did go through. It was challenging because the whole process is very different from how LBP would do it where they would check it monthly. However, in this case, it was per day transactions which includes a whole pile of debit and credit receipts. Sometimes, we would encounter typos and would really get confused with the big numbers. Fortunately, for the most part of my internship, I enjoyed doing the schedule for unclaimed balances because it's easy. Although sometimes it would be very busy because it is audit season, I think that experience equipped me with the skills I needed when I started working.



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

Based on the comment of my internship supervisor in my internship evaluation form, she describes me as a hard worker. Whenever I would be given a particular job or responsibility, I make sure to do it with the best that I can do. I always put myself in a situation where I should make every effort so that I will not regret anything later. I see through it that I finish the task properly and whenever I find something difficult, I find answers to it. As much as possible, I do not really ask questions unless it is needed because I have this habit of sorting things out by myself if it is within my capabilities. However, if it's out of my scope, that's the time I ask for help. I always believe that hard work pays off, if you're too eager to achieve something or have a desired result, then you should work for it. I often make mistakes, but I take that chance as a learning process to improve and to be better.

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

In terms of personal accomplishments, I think I'm most proud of getting out of my comfort zone and applying for work because as a person I'm an introvert. I'm scared to speak in front of a stranger or have the confidence to apply for work. I'm proud of myself for coming this far and overcoming my fear. I'm still working through myself, but I'm grateful for this opportunity. Moreover, in terms of professional accomplishments, I'm glad I was able to pass the level 1 certification for bookkeepers last year. While I'm doing my internship, I was also reviewing for this certification, there were multiple times I would doubt myself if I could pass and I felt really pressured because most of my friends already passed the three levels. I worked harder, there were countless sleepless nights, and breakdowns that only my dogs witnessed. Fortunately, through God's grace, I was able to pull it off. I really do appreciate my family as my support system because they never doubted me, not even once.