



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

If anything was possible, my dream job is to be a teacher. It was one of the most common responses of kids during that time. However, I wanted to be a teacher as I believe they make the most impact on someone's life. Especially with the early education teachers, they were the ones to mold a child at an early age. This is very important as it can contribute to how and who the child will be as they get older.

Personally, I was blessed to have teachers who are dedicated and passionate with their field. Some even treat me as their own child. I was glad to have that experience. In addition, I chose this field because of my love for teaching. In fact, I was the tutor of most of my younger cousins, nieces, and nephews. Whenever they have difficulties with their assignments, I am the one they ask for help. Moreover, I was asked a couple times by my elementary teachers to write the lessons or task on the board whenever they are busy and cannot meet with the class. Those experiences made me want to be a teacher more.

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, as a fresh graduate, I have experienced a stressful situation. During our last year at the university, just before the enrollment, our class or section was disbanded. This was the class that I was with the whole face-to-face classes. We have bonded and formed our own circle of friends by then. However, we were informed that it was due to cost constraints that the management came up with that decision. Of course, we were all shocked and sad about it. Then, we were distributed to the remaining sections for our last year. It was quite an adjustment for me. Nonetheless, I decided to accept the current situation as I had no control over it. I opened my doors to my new classmates. Also, I observed how they interact with each other and saw how colorful their personalities are. Thankfully, my new classmates were very welcoming. Eventually, I was able to meet new friends there.

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

In my OJT for my senior year, I was accepted at a government agency. There, I was assigned to the Billing Unit under the Scholarship Department. I was tasked to check the training institutions' compliance with the documentary requirements of the agency. Also, I check the daily attendance of every trainee in every qualification. I assist in making sure that every absence and lates are accounted for in their training allowance. The most challenging part of the for me is ensuring that I account every minute that the trainee was late. The task gets tricky and requires accuracy and attention to details. I consider it to be a tedious task. In addition, the deduction rates also vary every 30 minutes that a trainee is late. I also must read every justification letter for lates and absences.



Oftentimes, the attendance sheets are too thick of a pile due to the length of the training. So far, the longest that I have checked was 464 hours or 58 days. Ironically, that was what I enjoyed the most as well. It keeps me challenged and hones my patience in dealing with repetitive tasks. At the completion of every training qualification or batch that I check, it gives me a sense of accomplishment.

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

The department was very thankful to us that at the end of our stay there, they threw us, interns, a small farewell and thanksgiving party as they call it. Actually, there were 3 of us deployed in that agency, where the 2 of us were in the same department. They pasted our pictures on the wall as decors and even bought us a cake and food. Thus, I think this gives me the impression that we have really helped them with the tasks. Specifically, in my evaluation sheet, the department head commended my work and gave me a high rating. Also, she said I could carry out my tasks with minimal errors and supervision. In terms of timeliness, I was also commended as I was one of the interns to come to the office earlier than the office hours to attend the flag ceremony every Monday. I also would be one of the first few to arrive early at the office.

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

I was very blessed and fortunate enough to have passed this year's March Civil Service Commission's (CSC) Pen and Paper Test. As such, it is my proudest achievement personally at this point in my life. As a non-board degree holder, as much as possible, I aim to earn certificates and titles to build my career in the near future. I was very happy to have achieved this accomplishment. Through this, I was able to make my parents proud. At the same time, I was able to set a good example for my younger family members. I was also hoping that this accomplishment, together with being the first in the family to earn a degree, would inspire them to be set and achieve their own set of goals as well. In addition, this will help me be more qualified to apply for government agencies and offices if ever I wish to try that path.