



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

Growing up, I had always wanted to be a model for a well-known fashion brand or agency. As a woman who's into fashion and creativity, I envision myself having a good time putting on fabulous make-up, dressing up in chic outfits, and walking the runway. I value modeling platforms not just for the glitz and glamour but as a safe space for individuals, especially us women, to showcase our creativity and talent, as well as our unique individuality.

I have worked as a model coach for young kids who also want to become models, and I enjoy seeing them grow and discover a love for modeling at such a young age. And if I am privileged enough, I would like to start my own modeling camp in the future to provide opportunities for young individuals, especially those who aren't capable enough because of financial instability. As a teacher by profession, I have always believed that every child has potential, and it is our responsibility to cultivate that potential into a skill that could empower them, boost their confidence, and build their character.

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 sophomore year in college was during the pandemic, and we have flexible learning or virtual classes. While I was studying during daytime, I was also working a graveyard shift as a virtual assistant to support my studies. It came to the point that I was both physically and mentally exhausted, for I only slept for three to four hours every day or during my vacant period. I sometimes fail to submit my academic tasks on time because I must rest before I continue work.

That stressful situation made me realize how important my health was as well. There are a lot of tasks that I couldn't finish if I wasn't well enough to do so. I remember one of my friends sharing the saying "You can't serve two masters," which refers to the idea that it is impossible to be completely loyal and committed to two different entities or causes at the same time. It then made me decide to prioritize one over the other. I resigned from my job and focused on my studies first so I could have a better job in the future.

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

One of the most challenging things as a student-teacher during my teaching internship was managing overloading tasks. In my specialization, MAPEH, or Music, Arts, Physical Education, and Health, we have four subjects to handle, and each subject has different lessons and activities. Every day, I make four lesson plans and a set of materials, such as PowerPoint presentations, to be



delivered the next day. Sometimes I cram myself into handling those tasks because I do not have enough time to prepare.

But with all the pressure of meeting deadlines, I also enjoyed my journey, for I got to inspire and help my students with their studies. Seeing my students having fun while learning also gives me joy that, at the end of the day, all my effort was worth it. A simple “thank you, miss” from my students means a lot to me. And as much as I enjoy teaching, I am also learning at the same time through my cooperating teacher, who helped me to improve and develop my skills.

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

Based on the feedback from my cooperating teacher on my teaching internship, I am a versatile and hardworking kind of teacher. Given that in my specialization, MAPEH, or Music, Arts, Physical Education, and Health, there are a lot of different skills covered, we really need to learn first before we can teach. Even if we are not gifted enough to be skilled in a certain field, we need to try our best to learn skills to effectively teach our students.

My cooperating teacher also emphasized how hardworking I am at my tasks. There are times that she has a lot of responsibilities to do as the coach of their volleyball team, so I always make sure that my students are well taken care of, and I get to cover her lessons. Overloading tasks really challenged me and tested my time management skills. But I am grateful that I experienced those things, for I have learned and improved a lot, not just as a teacher but also as an individual.

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

When I graduated college, I was quite disappointed that I failed to secure a Latin honor or any awards because I had one subject that didn't reach the bracket grade. But looking back on my college journey made me realize how much I've grown as a person. My college life was a roller coaster journey, and I had so many memories and experiences that I'll forever cherish.

Since my freshman year, I have been a student leader and am affiliated with various clubs and organizations. I always enjoy facilitating events or activities and meeting new colleagues. I've been enjoying learning and exploring new things at the same time. In volunteering and serving, I found myself not only happy but also improving as an individual, and that's something I'm most proud of. I may not be an academic awardee, but I am geared with so many experiences and learnings that will serve as my weapon as I make my way into the real world.