



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 medical doctor. Growing up, my parents taught us that we need to take good care of ourselves because they can't afford to take us to hospitals if there are accidents and/or if we are sick. It was carved into my mind how unfair and inaccessible our medical and health sector is, and this fueled me even more to hope for my dream job to reach out to people and help those who are mostly affected by this type of injustice and also because of poverty, they can't afford to be in hospitals. At this point in time, there are still people who have experienced this same situation around the country, and to provide free services as a medical doctor would be my ode to myself, a lifetime responsibility, and a promise to my younger self who happens to experience all of it because of inaccessibility to healthcare.

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 had my first job three months after I graduated from college. I worked as a Program Support Staff at the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration. During the first weeks of my job, everything went as well as I was expecting. I did my everyday tasks slowly and provided quality reports to our supervisor. Not until one of our coworkers became so suspicious because he was acting weird around me. He was watching all my actions inside the office because I am the youngest employee in the office and reporting all of it to our director, who happened to be his sister. He was so toxic and affected all our daily operations because he was observing every movement we made inside the office; it felt like we were walking in eggshells. I learned from this experience—from college discussion to the real and actual work setting—that there are toxic and unhealthy work environments wherever you go. I made sure that I learned all my lessons from this experience, and that is to be aware of my surroundings and to keep in mind that everyone has a different perspective on me, and all I have to do is just do my job and focus on how to make the working environment as great and healthy as possible.



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

In my previous job, I was a Recruitment Associate for one of the BPO companies here in Bacolod City, and working in recruitment is not a walk in the park. Every day is like a battlefield because there are things that you need to accomplish within a day: interview applicants, assist with their assessments, answer emails, encode applications, and do back-office tasks. As a recruitment associate, the most challenging task for me is conducting final interviews with applicants because you need to be very specific with your questions and get their commitment to the company, dig deep into their personal background, check their verbal communication skills, and cater them to feel welcomed and not feel nervous throughout the interview process while simultaneously encoding their information to the system. On the other hand, the task that I enjoy the most is encoding their TIN into the system, sending out emails to the HR department, and emailing probable applicants to process their application with the company.

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

With my past jobs, I guess my past colleagues and managers would describe my work ethic as compliant, obedient, and optimistic. These adjectives are what encapsulated my work ethic as an employee in my previous jobs. I am compliant because I always provide for the needs of the tasks assigned to me. I do my tasks as efficiently and accurately as possible. They would also describe me as obedient because I'm always at the office on time and never late. Also, when it comes to the tasks, I comply with them within the given time. Lastly, they would describe me as optimistic because I always see things beyond the task. Even if I encounter problems in the middle of doing an assignment, I always make sure that I bounce back and do the task as efficiently as I did the first time. Also, above all these, I always practice confidentiality whenever I am faced with private information when working on a task.



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

A personal accomplishment I am most proud of would probably be passing the licensure examination for psychometricians. The journey to gaining my license was not an easy one. With great power comes great responsibility, they say, and indeed, there are a lot of things you need to sacrifice to achieve the power you want to achieve. I faced a lot of doubts, procrastinations, anxiety-inducing days, and immense fear about the probability of not passing the examination. I even resigned from my work to focus on my review. During those days, I did not become the confident person that I am due to the unfamiliar future in which I was participating. I reviewed everything from my college lessons and looked for some resources online to help me pass, sleep at 3 AM, wake up early in the morning to read notes, etc., again and again. I learned to become consistent with my study habits, and luckily, with my hard work and perseverance, I got my license in one take.