

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

If anything were possible, my dream job would be to be a nurse or a doctor. Growing up, I would always be interested in science. I used to study the whole book for the science quiz bee, but as I grew older, I got interested in the human body, or anatomy. How our body is structured, how it reacts to changes, to diseases, or even to cancerous cells. I am not that much of a reader when it comes to anatomy, but I like listening to my friends talking about their interesting topics in nursing. I am also a trained first aider, so basically, I have knowledge of basic first aid and basic life support. However, we have limitations when it comes to catering to our patients. Seeing some of the patients suffer in the public hospital while waiting for someone to cater to them after we have endorsed them makes my heart sad, and I think if only I were a doctor or a nurse, I would have that power in me to help them.

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, I do. This was nearly the end of 2024. I used to work for a client based in Hong Kong. Before 2024 ends, the government announced that they will no longer accept applicants for business subsidies. During that time, we have many pending applications from our clients since we are still waiting for their documents or still in the process of consolidating them. We were asked to work overtime even on holidays. The moment I found out about this, I checked my calendar and cancelled some plans for the holidays. We were given flexible time, so during the days that I am not that busy, I work from the morning until midnight. I have been proactive with my boss and colleagues as we are working hand in hand to submit all the applications before the end of the year. I have overcome that stressful scenario through a positive attitude and, of course, with the support from my boss and colleagues.

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

I think the most challenging stage was the clarification stage after the submission of the final report, as I needed to defend all the documents submitted. One of the documents that will be thoroughly checked by the government is the screen capture report, which contains the screen capture of each function included on the implemented website or system. Since I am not an IT expert, it is quite challenging to understand the content along with the language barrier, as some parts are in Chinese characters.

However, after that phase, I most enjoy sending emails or messages to the clients informing them that their project's final report has been approved by the government and that they will be granted the disbursement fund. It is an accomplishment for me as we are going through several

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stages before getting approval from the government. It takes 6 months to 1 year, or more, if we do not properly check and review the documents from the client before submitting them.

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

My boss and colleagues would say that I am teachable, and I have a positive aura, so I was easy to get along with. I know how to listen carefully to the instructions, which is why I didn't undergo formal training. They just teach me what to do while doing the work itself. The only thing I did was to be proactive and keep on asking questions until I got all the process. I also have the initiative to help my colleague with her tasks if she has multiple tasks to finish within the day. My boss would also tell me to rest, as I sometimes do OTTY. I didn't want to pile up my tasks, so as much as I could finish a task within the day, I would probably do it. One good thing that my boss has also told me is that I know how to communicate well not only with them but also with clients and suppliers.

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

The personal or professional accomplishment I am most proud of is overcoming my fear of public speaking. When I was still studying, I was very timid and shy. My hands and feet would shake if it was time for me to recite or speak in front of everybody. As I underwent practice teaching at different schools, I helped myself gain the confidence that I need to be able to speak in front of everybody. I am still nervous, but it is now manageable. Additionally, when I was in a real school setup as a teacher, I met several people who would say that I could do this and that. Knowing that there are people who believe in my capabilities is a big help for me to boost my confidence. Personally, I am also proud of myself for gaining academic awards from grade school up to college, as I know that my parents are very proud of me as well.