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INTERVIEW



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Professional designation:

Registered Nurse (RN) – Philippines
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)
Our Lady of Fatima University (2009)
Dumaguete City, Philippines

WES Canadian Equivalency:

On-going

Previous Employment:

Registered Nurse 2011 – 2014
Salamat Polyclinic
Al Muntazah Al Gharbi, Saudi Arabia

Current immigration status:

Open Work Permit

Current Canadian Employer:

Campbellton Nursing Home Inc.
Campbellton, NB

Current Employment position:

Resident Attendant

Philippine National Anthem: “Lupang Hinirang”



The Philippine national anthem is entitled **“Lupang Hinirang”** and composed by Julian Felipe. “Lupang Hinirang” was first played publicly on June 12, 1898 during the proclamation of Philippine Independence. Its lyrics were adopted from the Spanish poem, Filipinas, which was written by José Palma.



What Philippines' Independence Day mean to me?

Philippines’ Independence Day, to me is a celebration of liberty and our identity as Filipinos that wherever we are in the world we get to look back to where we came from, back to our beloved country, the **“Pearl of the Orient Seas”** and remember our cultures, traits, and traditions.

In our remembrance, we are grateful to all our national heroes who stood strong and firm for the sake of our country. Their sacrifices, spirit of patriotism and their valour is why we can savour our freedom today.

Also, this celebration reminds us of our strong Filipino values of: resilience, optimism, hospitality, hardworking and industriousness, strong family ties, resourcefulness, flexibility and creativity, religious adherence and unity.

As newcomers to Canada, we have the opportunity to showcase our proud Filipino heritage and to share our cherished values with our Canadian neighbours and others, too.

What do you miss from your country?

What I miss most is my family. Our bonding and special times spent together are just so precious.

Despite the distance between us, our love will always bind us. Yet, it is still different when one get to see them in person, to be able to hug or kiss them and to witness the joy and happiness of being together again.

Why choose to come to New Brunswick and the Restigouche Region?

Aside from the fact that the province offers a lot of choices to become a permanent resident, I find New Brunswick is a peaceful and quiet place to live.



Plus, the beautiful nature found in NB and here in our Restigouche region makes me feel closer to home.

I chose Campbellton for my current employment opportunity. It offers me, hopefully, an opportunity to achieve my goal to permanently settle in Canada.

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