



WELCOME
MYNN

Mynn

Mynn is an **international** student who originates from **Singapore**. She went to **Perth** to study Physiotherapy for **4 years**. Last year, when I went to Curtin, she was having her clinical placement with me, and helped me a lot to **enjoy the living** in Perth!

Mynn is an **English speaker** but she knows **some Mandarin** and **little Cantonese**. This is because of her social and family background. As asians, her grandparents are Cantonese-speaker while her parents can speak Mandarin. Although she will mainly use English at home, she still learn some Chinese in school and at home.

As a physiotherapist in Singapore now, Mynn needs to talk with patients mainly in **Mandarin** now.

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International student in Perth

FIRST TIME WE MET?

Mynn, how do you feel about us at the very beginning you saw and interacted with us? 🙄🙄🙄



On the first day of placement, when I walked in and I saw you and Melvin, I was quite **curious** as to **who they were** 🙄, cuz we did not know that you were going to be Hong Kong exchange students with us 🇭🇰.

But you looked very **friendly** and, you look very **excited** to be there 😄. So, I was excited to find out more about **where you were from**, and just **speak with you** more about what was going on in Hong Kong at that point in time!



You are friendly too, and you introduced **other HK and Asian students** to us! So Great~ 🙄🙄🙄



IMPRESSION?

Did you have any **expectation** on us originally? Is the expectation that you have the **same** as who we really are? 🤔🤔🤔



The expectation I had was that you will be very **good at memorizing facts** and in terms of **anatomy** 🦴, cuz I know that Asian students usually are better at memorizing than maybe the technical stuff, and it was **true** that you were very good at anatomy, so it was the **same** as my expectation 😊



Anatomy? Really? 😂😂😂

So, do you think you have any **stereotype thinking** about Asian / HK pp? E.g. our attitude, behaviors... 🤔🤔🤔



Because I have been to HK before and I knew that, in general, the **older population** 👴 will be, like **louder**, and I know that like Cantonese people sometimes can be a bit like **straightforward** and **direct**, but just you guys are one of the few, **younger** HK people that I've met 😂

So in terms of **cultural expectation**, I **didn't really have** any.

I just thought that it would be quite **similar** coz **Singapore** and HK are quite similar 🤔

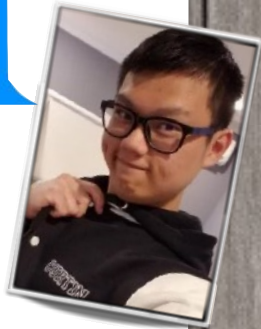


Maybe I need to speak **louder** next time when I see you 😂😂😂



CHANGING YOUR MIND?

How did you feel about us **after** your placement? Is it the **same** or **different** from your initial perception on us? 😊😊😊



After 5 weeks of placement, I thought that you guys were very **resilient** and very **courageous** because getting to know you guys better, and also with the background of what was happening in HK. You guys were **emotionally strong** ❤️ and able to go through the placement together with us 💪

So I thought that it was very good that you guys were able to handle the **emotional stress** 🤔 of being **away from home**, and having **stricter supervisors** and **patients** who sometimes have language barriers.

We were all able to **pass** the placement together, which was very **good!** 👍

Yeah, we pass together.
So GREAT~ 😱😱😱



CHANGING YOUR MIND?

Why is there changes in the initial and final perception on us? 🤔🤔🤔



Initially, I thought that you guys were a little bit **shy** 🤔, because during the first day when our supervisor was asking us questions about S/E, it **took some time** for you guys to answer 🤔.

But after finding out more about the **level of English** that you guys knew, I realized that sometimes it's the **accent** that's very **thick** 🤔

So I didn't think that you guys were **shy** by the end of it 😂

Cuz we went out for like, **meals** 🍴 and we were able to **talk more** so that changed the perceptions 🗨️



Luckily, I still understand your assent 😂😂😂

I don't need to speak too much English in HK 🤔🤔🤔



Haha 😂



REASON OF CHANGE?

Do you feel that there's a cultural difference between you and us? 🤔🤔🤔

As a **Singaporean** or **Australian** point of view? 😂

Because I am an **international** student, but when we had met, I had been studying there for **four years** 🤔 I understood the Australian culture a bit more, so I was able to **relate to the patients** or understand the **jargon** that they were using 😊

I think that was one **cultural difference** between you guys and myself - it was **easier** for me to **communicate** to the **patients** 🗨️

Other than that, in terms of our **approach to work**, I think we were quite similar 🤔 because you guys were there to **explore Perth**. During the weekend and after placement, they would go to the city and travel around, so that was quite similar to what I will be doing, like the **laid-back lifestyle** 🧘🧘

So in some ways, there were **differences** but in others, it was quite **similar**

So how about in a **Singaporean** point of view? Cuz Singapore is quite **similar** to HK I think 😂😂😂

Yeah... 🤔

Maybe only **language**? 🐵🐵🐵

I feel that HK ppl can speak **Cantonese** or **Chinese** a lot better than **Singaporean** 🤔

Of coz, that's my **mother tongue** 😂😂😂



YOUR HELP ON US?

What did you do to help us to get into the Australian lifestyle or culture? 🤔🤔🤔

A big part of Australia is the **nature** 🌲

So I took you guys in **my car** to go to **Serpentine Falls**, which is a waterfall and a hiking trail 🧑🏻👉🏻



This one? 🐵

Yeah! 😂 We also went for some dinners in the popular place, which is the **East Victoria Park** 🍲 We also went for some **nice evening strolls**. We walked by the river... something like that 😊



I enjoy the churros so much~ 🐵

Really? 🐵



YOUR HELP
ON US?

How did you help us to get
into the Australian physio
practice? 🤔🤔🤔

I have sent you some **framework** to analyze
the problem list, and we also share the
practical tips and common assessments that
we would do, cuz it was slightly **different** 🤔

e.g. **back Ax** and because you guys hadn't
learnt about the **spine** in details (at that
time), so we went through that together 💪

Oh! **Tendinopathy** as well ~ 😂😂😂

Yeah 🙊

I also explain our **supervisors' expectations** on us
cuz it can be quite different between Australian &
HK supervisors, e.g. they expect us to have a **list**
of **diagnosis** in your head before going to O/E 🤔



So lucky to have you guys, who **save us** in this
placement 😭😭😭

No worries ~

LEARN FROM
HK?

Oh, final question! Do you gain / learn anything from us? Or what do you think it's good to learn from HK ppl?



Definitely! 😊

Because you guys use **EPT** more, and you understand the **parameters** and **clinical relevance** for it. That was one thing that I learned 🙄🙄🙄

Also, I learned a bit about **TCM** which is relevant in **Singapore** 🌿

And I learn about **Cantonese** 😂 which is also relevant for **Singapore**



That will be good 😂😂😂



Also, when I sat in for Melvin's session, I think he is quite used to the **fast paced** environment in HK, so he was able to conduct his examination **quite quick**. He would streamline it cuz I think in HK hospital, things have to **more efficient**



True~ You have to be quite efficient in HK settings 😂😂😂



THANK
YOU

Thank you Mynn for joining
this interview 🙇🙇🙇

Hopefully this project can give you some
insight about how a local person can help
a foreign student when he/she is having
the overseas placement 😊😊😊

Overseas placement is interesting, but
challenging as well. We have to deal with all
the problems by our own all the time. 😞😞😞

If you, local students, can give us a
helping hand, it will always be a great
assistance to us! This can also
improve our relationship! 🤝🤝🤝

Therefore, don't hesitate and make
friends with these friendly and
amazing new buddies! 🤝🤝🤝



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