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School Nurse Experience Reflection Questions

1. How has your view of the student population changed?

- My view of the student population on my assigned campus was neutral, there was nothing that much to be noticed.

2. How has your view of the school nurse role changed?

- It changed drastically, because when she explained to me what her usual day was, it isn't easy to keep track of kids that need medications, most of them need bronchodilators for their asthma, keeping track of who's sick and so much more.

3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?

- That my nurse has an outstanding memory, she knows all 200 students that she's taking care of and their situations in life. Also, that being a school nurse you must keep track of their immunizations, the times that they have to take their medications in certain time of the day, where can they be located, it is just so many things to get used to and memorize, it was just amazing what a school nurse does.

4. What did you observe during your time there?

- I observed that the faculty and staff were awesome, they welcomed me and helped me get in the school. The kids are also lively, they're waving like most of the time to teachers, one even called me "Coco" because of my name. The clinic was clean and organized, there were also shoes and puffy coats free for kids that don't have them.

5. How was your experience different from what you expected?

- I expected to do nothing really, that we just wait and see if kids have any problems, that they would just drop by and say I'm in pain, but it was more than that. We have to keep track of kids that are absent, if they're absent, we have to contact them if they have medical problems, look for any signs of abuse if they come in the office, and managing tons and tons of stuff.

6. What are some of the needs/issues related to the health of the school age children that you may not have been aware of?

- The major thing was the weather; I didn't really think that weather can greatly impact a school aged child. I mean it is common sense that weather can cause it, but I was just looking more on the sickness and the what and where, when I should be focusing on the why. Because most of these kids need something for their breathing and warmth, and I just noticed that some of them don't have coats for this cold weather, that is why it exacerbates their condition or triggers their asthma. Good thing that the school offers these kids some puffy coats for free.

7. Please list two developmental stages related to the population that you observed.

- Latency Period (Freud) – They play vigorously

- Piaget's Theory of Cognitive development (Humor) – kids were just playing with us and surprisingly have good humor