

School Nurse Experience Reflection Questions

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

My view of the student population did not change, but I was impressed with how mature students are with taking their medications. Especially the students who are Type I diabetics; they entered the office and tracked their caloric intake without assistance.

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

I did not realize how much responsibilities the school nurse has, along with the daily care they provide for their students.

3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?

The school nurse is responsible for scoliosis screenings, vision screenings, and also hearing screenings for all grades. It is also their responsibility to keep track of all student vaccinations, especially 6th graders moving onto 7th grade.

4. What did you observe during your time there?

I observed the nurse preparing morning medications for her students and I was also able to examine a student's throat after complaining of a sore throat.

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

I expected to see many students asking for help but the nurse created a system of being firm with her students. She explained her first year as a school nurse she would treat 30-40 students a day for minor reasons such as wanting a peppermint or an ice pack when all they wanted was to simply say hello to her. Now her students only pay her a visit when it is absolutely needed.

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 schooled aged population seems like the beginning of experience health needs such as starting their period for girls during the schooled aged years. They are also investing their time into extracurricular activities which can make them more prone to injuries especially if they are joining sport teams for the first time.

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

-Erikson- Schooled-Aged: Industry Vs. Inferiority

- Piaget- Concrete operational

