School Nurse Experience Reflection Questions

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

I have been very involved with the school system in the past and I have so much respect for anyone who holds a position dealing with children. I always find it interesting to see the different personalities and how every student handles sickness or injuries differently.

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

I definitely have more respect and admiration for the school nurse. She has a lot of paperwork and documentation to keep up with besides taking care of the students that come into her office.

3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?

The nurse was busier than I thought she would be. She also handled more than just sick or injured kids. For example, one student had been hit in the face with a volleyball and it broke her glasses and the nurse pulled out her little glasses kit and fixed them.

4. What did you observe during your time there?

The nurse really took her time and showed me where she keeps everything, the different documents that she sends home and how she deals with certain situations. I mainly observed cold like symptoms and stomach issues as far as the students that came in.

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

The main way it was different was that she was busy the whole time I was there. She even had to tell a few students to come back in 20 minutes because her office was full.

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?

While there I noticed that a lot of the kids being sent home had parents that were out of town or at work and some of the kids would say they can't go home because no one can be at home with them. That really made me sad. I also noticed that a lot of them came into her office "really sick" , but once she gave them some of her time and attention they were all better.

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

Industry vs. inferiority

Identity vs. Role Confusion