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School Nurse Experience Reflection Questions

1. How has your view of the student population changed? I completed my clinical at Cooper Middle School this morning with Mrs. Bradshaw. I saw that even though these children are in middle school they often just need someone to help them with everyday things. The nurses were so kind and patient with the students and helped them with several different tasks.
2. How has your view of the school nurse role changed? I find this role very interesting because the day to day can change so often for them. They wear so many hats not only for the students but also for the teachers. They helped with an inappropriate video that was being shared on snapchat that indicated suicide, all the way to administering a tube feeding for a student that is physically impaired. They are a jack of all trades in my opinion.
3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience? I was very surprised that the nurses not only help the students, but they also help the teachers with their health. There was a teacher who came in to see the nurses to get vitals and her wellness checked out. I did not know that many of the teachers have to see the school nurse prior to leaving for the day due to illness.
4. What did you observe during your time there? I was able to observe the nurses do glucose monitoring, tube feeding, check vitals, evaluate an asthmatic student, give out medications to students, check the fever of a student and help a student who had not had breakfast. They also do a lot of documentation for the school to keep up with school records.
5. How was your experience different from what you expected? It was different because I did not know how many hats a school nurse wears for the faculty and the students.
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? I was surprised by the need for help with simple tasks such as a student starting her period and others needing hygiene. I guess I assumed that middle school students would have more of an understanding of these two things.
7. Please list two developmental stages related to the population that you observed. I observed competitive and cooperative play in Erikson's stage of Industry vs. Inferiority when I was doing my school tour and walked through PE/practice for volleyball and basketball. I also observed Piaget's formal operations while I observed middle school students interact and have their medical needs taken care with the nurse staff.