

## School Nurse Experience Reflection Questions

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

It's nice to see how having a certified nurse in the schools helps to establish the kids who are sick and who are not. I always thought kids would go to the nurse's office and get sent home with the smallest things. When I see how they determine who is sick and why it helps me to have more respect for the nurses in the industry.

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

I used to think school nurses only did the minor things to help kids but I got to see all the background things the nurse can do. I got to see how they have to deal with the kids that need medication throughout the day. They take care of multiple people who are emergent patients.

3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?

I was surprised at how the nurses can store medication for children and also got to see in a few throats which was helpful to see in person. I was also surprised at the charting for a school nurse. I didn't realize each kid is documented.

4. What did you observe during your time there?

I got to observe a kindergartener who is a diabetic. He has an iPad in the office that keeps track of his glucose levels. I got to see strep in a few kids. I also got to hear wheezing in one of the asthmatic kids.

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

I expected to see the small things because there isn't an actual doctor to prescribe medication or diagnosis sickness. However, there was education things that I got to experience as well.

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?

Some of the issues of school age children is asthmatics keep their inhalers in the nurse's office until they need to be used. I also did not know they stored drugs for the kids that need them throughout the day. I also didn't realize how much education to the teachers the nurses must help with.

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

Preoperational from Piaget was demonstrated when the kids would come in and want to talk about their families or what dad/mom said.

I also saw a lot of industry v inferiority. We had kids coming in talking about PE and how good they were at certain activities.

