

## School Nurse Reflection

1. How has your view of the student population changed?
  - a. I did not realize the amount of kids that are on either ADHD medications or asthma inhalers. I did not have to take any medications growing up and neither did any of my friends, so I did not realize how common it is.
2. How has your view of the school nurse role changed?
  - a. I did not realize how many meds they had to give to kids such as ADHD medications before the school day even started.
3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?
  - a. There were so many many different personalities and the personality of the kid really drove how you cared for them. The more sensitive kids require more sensitive approaches and the more outgoing kids are much more fun and you don't have to be as gentle. My school nurse also really seemed to have a lot of issues with parents not bringing in the proper paperwork for their children's medications and/or not replenishing their supplies when they were out.
4. What did you observe during your time there?
  - a. I had several kids come in with sore throats, tummy aches, asthma, and one diabetic little girl.
5. How was your experience different from what you expected?
  - a. It had never occurred to me that a school nurse would have to chart. We spent a good amount of time charting things that we had done throughout the day.
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?
  - a. We gave out so many peppermints to kids and that seemed to "fix" so many of their issues. A lot of the kids seemed to just need reassurance that everything was okay and then they would forget about whatever was bothering them.
7. Please list two developmental stages related to the population that you observed.
  - a. Identity vs. inferiority and Formal Operational Thought