

## School Nurse Experience Reflection Questions

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

**I have learned that there is a diverse group of students aged preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade that have medical issues that attend school at West End. In my honest opinion I didn't think there were that many students assigned to only 2 nurses.**

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

**It has changed drastically since my visit today! I had this assumption that they had a laid back job and didn't do much of anything, and I stand corrected. They have much to do.**

3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?

**The fact that they not only have to attend to the student's medical needs but also the needs of staff.**

4. What did you observe during your time there?

**I got to observe testing in 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls for scoliosis.**

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

**My experience was much different than I had anticipated, with seeing them assist young children the youngest being 3 years of age with diabetic testing and medication administration.**

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 unaware that the number of children with diabetes is trending upward. The nurses advised me that they have 4 children which is more than they have ever had in the past.**

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

**With the 3 year old child I observed Autonomy versus shame and doubt as he was working on being potty trained.**

**With the 7 year old child I observed the concrete operational stage as she approached her blood sugar reading and realized that she needed to drink some juice as her blood sugar was 111.**