

School Nurse Experience Reflection Questions

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

My views on the student population have not changed much from what I expected. From the few students I've seen through my time at the school nurse rotation, they seem to be as smart and capable as I previously thought.

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

I had very little knowledge about the school nurse before today. I had expected them to fall under the stereotype that school nurses only gave out ice for bruises and band aids for cuts. However, after spending time with these nurses and hearing their stories, I realize that although their resources are much more limited than in a hospital setting, they still hold the attributes of a great nurse. These attributes include adaptability to various situations while filling the role as educators for the students and their parents.

3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?

What surprised me the most about the school nurse experience was the number of technological advancements that took place since I was in middle school.

4. What did you observe during your time there?

Students are now able to request a hall pass to the nurse electronically that the teacher fills out for the nurse to read (stating the name of the student and reason for visit) before the student arrives at the nurse's office. I also witnessed how the nurse is able to monitor some diabetic students' blood sugar remotely. With this tool and proper documentation, the nurse is able to see trends in blood sugar for proper management.

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

I honestly did not set any expectations for the school nurse experience, but I was still surprised at how much I learned for spending only half a 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?

From what I've witnessed today and stories I've heard from the nurses, proper coaching and training of certain physical activities is essential to the health of school age children. The biggest example being the new addition of wrestling as an extracurricular activity. Many children have been injured in this sport due to improper coaching and poor implementation of safety precautions.

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

Formal operational stage

Industry vs. Inferiority