

School Nurse Experience Reflection Questions

1. How has your view of the student population changed?
I feel like since becoming a young adult, I viewed the younger population as maturing too quickly, having no interest in games or toys, and only caring about electronics. Although these assumptions are maybe true for some children, I saw many kids that reminded me of myself when I was in Elementary school, still enjoying the same activities I enjoyed.
2. How has your view of the school nurse role changed?
I imagined the school nurse only taking care of children with special needs like diabetes or disabilities. I believe I thought this because I never personally went to the school nurse so I assumed only the kids that need medications would go. Today we had no physically disabled patients or kids with diseases, other than a headache or belly ache these children were healthy.
3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?
Being a school nurse seems like one part teacher, one part nurse, and one part therapist. I can definitely see how this nursing role could be very fun and appealing. I was very surprised by how many roles the school nurse was for these children.
4. What did you observe during your time there?
I saw a little girl crying because she had a sore throat and there was another girl saying her tummy hurt and she thought she was going to throw up. With a little investigation, we found out she had only had an energy drink for breakfast and all she needed was some food. There was a boy who came and said his stomach hurt but he didn't want anything to help it, he just wanted to nap in the office.
5. How was your experience different than what you expected?
I definitely didn't expect that many children to come to the nurse's office, I totally expected there to maybe be one or two kids all morning who needed something but that was not the case at all.
6. What are some of the needs/issues related to the health of school-aged children that you may not have been aware of?
At R. Wilson the nurse has consent from parents to give simple medications, Tylenol, Tums, Benadryl, etc. The nurse was explaining to me that some kids who woke up with a headache or a stomach ache will go to school in order to receive medicine from the nurse because they don't have any at home.
7. List two developmental stages related to the population that you observed.
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