

School Nurse Experience Reflection Questions

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

My view of the student population has changed in the way that I understand a lot of the times a kid may just need extra love or attention for a minute. When they come down to the nurse it may be a peppermint and some love that makes them feel better.

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

I have a better understanding of everything that a school nurse really does. The nurse I followed had a clinical cart that she would roll around in the mornings to hand out medications. She was out and going to the classrooms more than just sitting in the office waiting on kids to come to her.

3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?

One thing that surprised me this time around was that my school had no children with chronic illnesses. We had no diabetic patients or anything of that sort, so the only scheduled stuff was primarily medications in the morning.

4. What did you observe during your time there?

I observed a few clinic visits as well as my nurse handing out morning medications. The few kids we did see just needed a snack and some rest time to feel better.

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

My experience was different because this school was much slower than my school last module. We did not have very many kids come to the office so the nurse and I spent a lot of time talking about things and cases she has dealt with in previous years.

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?

One thing that I was not aware of was the diverse socioeconomic status in most schools. The nurse told me about cases where they have had to call CPS and then cases where the parents are amazing and involved with everything. They have some kids that are in group homes and then some that's parents are prominent members of society.

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

Two stages related to this age group is industry vs inferiority and concrete operational period.