

School Nurse Reflection

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

I think it differs from when in the hospital to being in the school setting. They very much want to go home. So I can tell you have to take some complaints with a grain of salt but also still listen for complaints that could be very serious.

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

Its more labor intensive than some would imagine. It is not just giving out ice packs and calling for Tylenol. Its also recognizing trends in complaints and notifying parents (teaching) on their next steps in order to remedy this problem.

3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?

Well besides the kid projectile vomiting on the desk at 0804, it's the trust these kids have in the school nurse. She knew most of them by name and they really listened to her. You could tell her demeanor had a strong impact in her care for them.

4. What did you observe during your time there?

She helped treat an array of issues. Anything from helping put cream on canker sores to letting a child take 15 minutes jus to rest because you could tell they were tired. She was very intuitive.

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

I didn't expect it to be as busy as it was. Starting first thing kids were coming in. She was great at asking questions and getting to the heart of them problem. Thought we had very few prescribed meds which I found interesting.

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?

They are tired. Just like the rest of us. There is no telling what their home life is like and you could see the bags under some of their eyes. Rest is so important and I think it was great that she was able to pick up on when they needed just that.

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

Piaget- Preoperational

Erikson- Industry vs. Inferiority