

School Nurse Experience Reflection Questions

1. How has your view of the student population changed?
 - a. I visited an Elementary School this morning, and I noticed that there was a certain age group that made their way to the Nurses Office. These students were very accident prone, and a majority of their problems were minor.
2. How has your view of the school nurse role changed?
 - a. I came in thinking that their job would be easier somehow, but I was totally wrong. My school was seeing 60-80 patients in one day. They were constantly on their toes, and maintained working the whole time that I was there.
3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?
 - a. My old elementary school nurse was a very mean person, so I was shocked when I was met with open arms and was greeted by one of the nicest nurses ever.
4. What did you observe during your time there?
 - a. I got to see a tube feeding around 9AM, through a "mickey button". The student had cerebral palsy and just carried a bag around with him until it stopped flowing.
5. How was your experience different from what you expected?
 - a. I completely underestimated the workload these School Nurses have to do. Its like a miniature ER in the school. It completely blew me away.
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?
 - a. There was just so much empathy given to these students. Each one was met with compassion, love, and understanding. And once we realized that the situation was minor (90% of the time) they got sent back to class feeling better than when they got there.
7. Please list two developmental stages related to the population that you observed.
 - a. Preoperational and symbolic functioning
 - i. Their language and vocabulary are progressively developing
 - b. Concrete operations
 - i. These kids use logic and reasoning. They have developed their ability to solve concrete problems.