

School Nurse Experience Reflection Questions

1. How has your view of the student population changed? I now understand just how big the the population is for pre-school and school age children. The school had a total of 800 students.

2. How has your view of the school nurse role changed? It was good a learning experience for me from communication with parents, children walking in and out the clinic, and organizing care for the little ones.

3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience? I was shocked to see how many children were taking antidepressants and antipsychotics. The youngest child I saw on these medications was 6 years old boy.

4. What did you observe during your time there? The school was very well maintained, the poice officer on site would actively make rounds and ensure safety. The staff was very friendly and my school nurse was very helpful in teaching and explaining to me how her typical day looks like. She also had an assistant nurse aid who helped her out.

5. How was your experience different from what you expected? I expected the nurse would administer a lot of medication with a population of 800 students but surprisingly that was not the case. A great number of students came by the clinic from class with the hopes the would be sent home. Luckily the school only allows you to go home under certain circumstances such as fever 100 degrees plus, diarrhea, and any other emergency situation.

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?

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

- Pre-school

-School age