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### School nurse reflection

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

I first thought that the student population would be hard to deal with because I thought they would feel obligated to get their way with things and I did not think I could deal with that, but seeing the school nurse deal with each kid and their situations helped me realize, they are not as hard as I thought.

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

My view point of the student nurse has indeed changed because I did not think that so many kids had a need for a school nurse, so I did not think school nurse's did much work.

3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?

The whole experience surprised me and I really enjoyed being at the school. It surprised me that they actually give pain meds, that they go beyond a nurse's role by giving tender love and care, and they even do things like get kids clothes, shoes, extra food for the ones they worry about, and just calming kids down and making them feel better with simple gestures such as laying down or sitting for a minute, or even sucking on a peppermint and breathing.

4. What did you observe during your time there?

I observed the student nurse give medications, deal with kids that felt sick, one kid throwing up and giving kids extra clothes for accidents, and giving ice packs for comfort.

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

I did not expect to see the school nurse do anything or even learn so much about their role. It is nice to know that being a school nurse is an opportunity for the future.

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?

I did not know that so many kids had behavior needs that required medications as well as that there was so many kids with medication needs in general.

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

I saw kids being in Erickson psychosocial stage of industry vs. inferiority because a lot of kids had a sense of confidence as well as competency as a student and what their roles were and what they should be doing. I also saw Piaget's concrete operational stage because they could understand cause and affect like for instance a diabetic child knew she needed to take her insulin to control her blood sugar, or a kid that was light headed knew he needed to lay down and miss physical education. I learned a lot in the school nurse experience.