

School Nurse Experience Reflection Questions

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

It was interesting to see students going into the nurse's office to get their blood sugar checked on how knowledgeable they were on knowing how to count their food items and checking on their tablets to check own their own as well to share the results.

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

The less stress environment working in the school verse working in a hospital setting was refreshing to see.

3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?

It was calming and relaxing. The nurse having her own office and extended care station was amazing to see. I was surprised to see all the medical supplies the school had to care for the students.

4. What did you observe during your time there?

I observed the nurse care for students with diabetes. She would double check student's vitals and give them medication if they had a form for it, such as a fever. She would answer calls on concerns the teachers had on observations they had on the student.

It was very slow after the first hour. She mentioned that she trains the students to only come to the nursing office for emergencies or actual sickness symptoms. She mentioned she tried to decrease the students visits to help when they go up to a high school to not use the nurses office for little things due to the upper grades having more issues going on such as pregnancies, drugs, emotional distress. She mentions a school nurse in a high school environment has more complex situations that its more of a heavy load then middle school.

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

The nurse had more duties and responsibilities to care for the students. She provides education to all staff involved with students that have that have an acute or chronic disorder. She helps with education to parents and students regarding their health or concerns. it's a calming environment, and able to do in depth care plans for the students.

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 noticed an increase of asthma and diabetes in the school age students in this location. Education over these would be great to keep the community informed about it.

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

- Identity vs. Role Confusion and Formal Operational Thought

