

School Nurse Experience Reflection Questions

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

I saw more of a population of children with separated parents and many with anxiety. The nurse was explaining to me that more children are being diagnosed with anxiety due to difficult family situations.

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

I did not realize all a school nurse has to do. The nurse I was following was explaining to me what is required of the parents in terms of consent and her charting. She also does a lot of education for students and teachers about different topics. She said she also teaches CPR and first aid to the teachers and older students in the school.

3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?

I was surprised that she did so much education to the staff as well. She explained that CPR and first aid is essential for teachers just in case but also in the event of a tragedy.

4. What did you observe during your time there?

I saw the nurse help 2 students count their carbs and given them insulin. She also administered daily prescribed meds for many students. Every student that came in needed to have their temperature taken.

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

I expected to just sit there and do nothing. The nurse thought me a lot about what she did. I was able to talk to a few kids just about their life and they were so willing to talk to me.

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?

Many children just need someone to confide in and talk to. I noticed the nurse pulling certain kids away and just talking to them about personal issues at home. Having someone to simply talk to is something many need and take for granted when they do have it.

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

Concrete operational period and Initiative vs. Guilt