

School Nurse Experience Reflection Questions

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

I learned that those students come from ALL walks of life. Some appeared very privileged, while others seem to have come from struggling families. However, watching them interact with each other, not ONE seemed concerned by another's economic status. They treated each other with kindness that didn't appear to have limitations.

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

I'm going to be honest... I had NO CLUE school nurses were so busy!!! I saw so many students and was only there for a few hours! Not to mention all the paperwork and documents involved. I definitely found a new appreciation for school nurses!

3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?

The fact she could see 90 kids a day just blows my mind. I truly had no idea. Also, she explained to me that on occasion they have a trauma. In the hospital setting we have a whole building of peers to rely on. There, it is JUST the nurse. She truly has to know her stuff and be prepared on the fly.

4. What did you observe during your time there?

I observed a little girl getting her tooth pulled. Multiple students came in to take ADD medication. A LOT of upset stomachs and several fevers.

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

- definitely did not expect to be so busy. Although I could tell some students just wanted to get out of class for a bit, the majority were truly not feeling well. I didn't expect to see so many feeling genuinely bad.

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 expect to see so many students come in for their ADD medication. I did not know it was so prevalent in school-age children.

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

- Industry vs. Inferiority
- Preoperational Stage