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# School Nurse Experience Reflection Questions

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

I guess I did not realize that so children were on medications multiple times a day. Most of these kids surprised me in their maturity in knowing to come to the nurses office on time. I also did not realize as many children live with their grandparents as their custodians.

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

The school nurse I was with had to wear multiple hats. I didn't realize that they did so many things. It makes sense but I also never thought about school nurses having to chart the way that we do in the hospital or my mind clinical setting. It was also very neat to see how she had such a personal relationship with so many kids and recognized them right when they came in.

3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?

It surprised me how much I actually enjoyed talking to and taking care of the kids. I enjoyed observing my nurse assess and question the kids and they had the best answers. The kids were super sweet and very entertaining.

4. What did you observe during your time there?

We had multiple kids come in at the beginning of the day for scheduled medications and then we had multiple kids come in for different ailments. Some of the ailments included vomiting, headache, wetting themselves, sore throat, one kiddo hurt himself on the playground.

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

It was busier than I expected it to be. There was constantly a kiddo coming in for some ailment. Even the nurse I was with said it was a strange day and that we had more patients before 11 am than she does sometimes all day. Overall I really enjoyed my experience.

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?

We had one girl with spinal bifida that had to come in twice a day for a straight catheter and it just never occurred to me that the school nurses did that. It makes sense but I was unaware. I also learned that often kids with spinal bifida can have precocious puberty and how that could complicate things.

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

It was very interesting to talk to the younger kids versus the older kids in fifth grade. I observed some of the differences in thinking and the way that they talked. I observed kids in the pre operational period and way of thinking. I also observed some older fifth grades discussing middle school displaying some concrete operational behaviors.