

## School Nurse Experience Reflection Questions

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

Today I realized just how diverse the student population is. There are families that are very poor and some others that are very well off. This was primarily reflected in the clothes they wore and their physical appearance.

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

School nurses do much more than just treat patients. They stay active on the computer managing emails and doing documentation/ paperwork. They also must coordinate many things throughout the year such as vision and hearing test. Overall, I realized just how much they do besides hands on care.

2. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?

One thing that surprised me is the variation in the number of patients you may see per day. We only saw 2 students in my time there but the nurse said that some days there may be one student after another all day long.

4. What did you observe during your time there?

The day was pretty slow during my time, but we observed one patient that complained of a stomachache and also one patient that had thrown up during class. We also had a call in the morning that a kid would be staying home due to having a stomach bug.

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

My experience was different because we only saw 2 patients who were sick or not feeling good. In the past I have seen many patients come in that just needed a snack or a little bit of rest and we did not have any of those types of patients come in today.

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?

As mentioned above, I did not realize that many kids come to the nurse's office just to get a snack or rest. The nurse I followed said that many kids come in who may have missed breakfast and just need something to hold them over until lunch. I realized this last module during my school nurse rotation.

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

Two developmental stages that I observed were Industry vs Inferiority and the Preoperational period.