

N433 – Active Learning for School Nurse Shadowing Experience

Complete this Active Learning activity after your clinical with the School Nurse. Submit your completed assignment to the dropbox within 72 hours of this clinical rotation (Monday @ 2359). **Be sure you look at the attached rubric as you write up this assignment because it must be written with accurate grammar, spelling, and APA format for references. Your score will be based on this rubric. Each question must contain at least 100 words minimum.**

1. How does this clinical site relate to the course?
 - This clinical site does relate to the course. A school nurse is extremely important in children's development. A school nurse has the ability to work between families and healthcare providers to benefit a child's growth and development individually (Ricci et al., 2021). This is great as it can improve a child's health and benefit their learning capabilities. Some children may require individualized education programs (IEP), and school nurses can catch on to what may qualify for an IEP. School nurses are responsible for ensuring that students are up to date for immunizations and physicals and keeping track of the documentation that entails.
2. How were you an engaged nursing professional today?
 - Unfortunately, there were no visits from students to the school nurse during this visit. The school nurse explained how some days, the nurse's office has high traffic, and other days there may be no visits. This student stayed engaged by observing documentation. Updating documentation is essential to follow trends of visits by students. Another way this student stayed engaged was observing the nurse making phone calls to parents. Most calls to parents are to ensure the student has written notes from parents or doctors to cover absences or any restrictions the student may have. School nurses also work and communicate with a healthcare provider through the school department to provide proper documentation, care, and health-related information.
3. How did you contribute to the service provided by the school nurse today?
 - This student was able to contribute to the service provided by the school nurse through active listening. The school nurse provided information related to the job and specific certifications that are important or required. Some certifications are for personal gain, while the state requires others. This particular nurse recently got an emergency nurse certification to provide proper care to students in emergency situations. This student also visited all the schools the school nurse provides care at. The nurse has access to the elementary, junior, high, and high schools where she provides care for the children.
4. Name **3** ways this clinical site impacts Pediatric health?
 - Three ways a school nurse can impact pediatric health are providing screenings and referrals for health conditions, promoting a healthy school environment, and serving as a collaboration between school personnel, families, the community, and healthcare providers. At this district, the school nurse is the one providing vision and hearing screenings, as well as up to date health physicals. Kindergarten, sixth grade, and ninth

grade require a physical from a healthcare provider in the state of Illinois. Promoting a healthy school environment consists of health education, prevention, early intervention, and policy enforcement (Ricci et al., 2021). School nurses also work and communicate between healthcare providers and family through the school department to provide proper documentation, care, and health-related information that benefits the child as well as the community.

5. What are the health risks of the population served during today's clinical based on your observations today?
 - Compliance is the most significant health risk to this population during this clinical observation. In this community, it is common for parents to refrain from taking their children for their physicals and getting their required immunizations. The school nurse explained that she has had to document a multitude of information to cover her end. In contrast, the school system needs to have the enforcement of keeping children home without proper immunizations. Another significant health risk found is access to proper healthcare. Being in a low income community, a large portion of the population does not have access to healthcare or simply cannot afford it.
6. Choose one of the health risks identified in question 5 and develop a plan of care to address this. Include a Nursing diagnosis, a measurable goal, and at least 3 Nursing interventions to achieve this goal.
 - A nursing plan of care can begin with deficient knowledge related to inadequate access to healthcare professionals as evidenced by community members' noncompliance with the health guidelines. A measurable goal that can be attained is the community being able to identify the guidelines advantages and disadvantages related to the health guidelines for physicals and required immunizations. Some nursing interventions that can help achieve this goal are connecting the community to all available resources, collaborating with the community and families in creating solutions, and educating on the benefits of health promotion and early intervention. Educating for deficient knowledge is a great way to inform and provide early intervention to better the children.
7. How will your experience during the School Nurse job shadowing impact your Nursing practice?
 - The school nurse job shadowing is a great learning experience to impact the nursing practice. When thinking about the safety of children, it is easy to assume the discussion is solely based on physical injury or illness. It is interesting to think about safety and health regarding immunizations, physicals, screenings, IEP placements, and many more styles of health promotion. All of these preventative methods occur during school ages; it is vital to keep up with preventative measures and follow them. For example, school required physicals help to prevent health emergencies and urgent care issues that are specific to the individualized child. Also, could you imagine a world where there are zero preventative measures like vaccinations?

References:

Ricci, S. S., Kyle, T., & Carman, S. (2021). *Maternity and pediatric nursing* (4th ed.). Wolters Kluwer.

N433 Grading Rubric Nurse Shadowing Clinical Paper
50 Total Points Possible

| CRITERION | POOR | FAIR | GOOD |
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| <p>-Concise and Complete</p> <p><i>Total Weight- 5 points</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Content is incomplete. - Major points are not clear and /or persuasive <p>Weight-1 point</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Content is not comprehensive and /or persuasive. - Major points are addressed but not well supported. - Research is inadequate or does not address course concepts. <p>Weight- 3 points</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Content is comprehensive, accurate, and persuasive. - Major points are stated clearly and are well supported. - Content and purpose of the writing are clear. <p>Weight- 5 points</p> |
| <p>Critique of experience-Evaluation and Rationale for your comments</p> <p><i>Total Weight- 10 points</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organization and structure detract from the message of the writer. - Paragraphs are disjointed and lack transition of thoughts. - Lack of evaluation and rationale for comments <p>Weight- 1 point</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure of the paragraphs is not easy to follow. - Paragraph transitions need improvement. - Lack of adequate evaluation and rationale for comments <p>Weight- 5 points</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure of the paragraphs is clear and easy to follow. - Good evaluation and rationale for comments <p>Weight- 10 points</p> |
| <p>Thoughtful Reflection- How will this affect your practice, or will it?</p> <p><i>Total Weight- 10 points</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paper lacks many elements of correct formatting. - Paragraphs are inadequate or excessive in length. - Unspecific as to how this experience will impact your nursing practice or not. <p>Weight- 1 point</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paper follows most guidelines. - Paper is over/ under word length. - Lacks some specifics as to how this experience will impact your nursing practice or not. <p>Weight-5 points</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paper follows designated guidelines. - Paper is the appropriate length as described for the assignment. - States clearly as to how this experience will impact nursing practice or not and why. <p>Weight-10 points</p> |
| <p>APA Format Correct spelling/Grammar.</p> <p>Must use 1 scholarly reference (published within the last 5 years)</p> <p><i>Total Weight- 10 points</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of APA format. - Paper contains numerous grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors. - Language uses jargon or conversational tone - Lack of APA citation use and a Reference page for references used. <p>Weight- 1 point</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inappropriate APA format. - Paper contains few grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors. - Language lacks clarity or includes the use of some jargon or conversational tone. - Inappropriate APA citation use and a Reference page for references used. <p>Weight- 5 points</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Correct APA format. - Rules of grammar, usage, and punctuation are followed; spelling is correct. - Language is clear and precise; sentences display consistently strong, varied structure - Correct APA citation and a Reference page for references used. <p>Weight- 10 points</p> |
| <p>Nursing diagnosis is appropriate for this setting; goal/outcome is measurable; Nursing interventions are appropriate and thorough.</p> <p><i>Total Weight- 10 points</i></p> | <p>ND is inaccurate for the setting; goal/outcome is not measurable, and Nursing interventions are inappropriate or inadequate.</p> <p>Weight- 1 point</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ND accurate for the setting; goal/outcome is not measurable, OR Nursing interventions are inappropriate or inadequate. <p>Weight- 5 points</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ND accurate for the setting; goal/outcome is measurable; Nursing interventions appropriate and adequate for this setting. <p>Weight- 10 points</p> |
| <p>Paper submitted to dropbox within 72 hours of the School Nurse shadow experience.</p> <p><i>Total Weight- 5 points</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paper submitted to dropbox or discussion board late. <p>Weight- 1 point</p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paper submitted to dropbox on time. <p>Weight- 5 points</p> |

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