

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND ALLIED HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING  
NURSING 202: Visit to a School for Handicapped Children

**OBJECTIVES OF EXPERIENCE:**

The student will be able to understand:

1. How children with handicaps are children first and handicapped second
2. How to assess a developmentally delayed child
3. What types of problems necessitate a child to attend a school for handicapped children
4. How classrooms are set up to meet the needs of the handicapped child
5. How are learning objectives determined individually for each child
6. What are the emotional needs of the handicapped child
7. What is the role of the nurse in a school for handicapped children
8. What is the role of the social worker in a school for handicapped children
9. What is the role of the physical therapist, the occupational therapist and the speech therapist in a school for handicapped children
10. What is the background of a teacher working in a school for handicapped children
11. Where the funds come from to educate handicapped children
12. What federal laws have an impact on the management of a public school for handicapped children

**SCHOOL:** Mercer Elementary

**PHONE:** 609-570-1120

**CONTACT PERSON:** Secretary: Eileen

Director: Pat Sodano

**LOCATION:** Enter MCCC from Hughes. Make the first right. Continue straight to the end of the parking lot. Park in the last parking lot. School is directly in front of you. Enter the school and immediately turn right into the office. Meet your instructor here.

**TIME:** Arrive just before 9:00AM. Leave by 3:00 PM..

**WHAT TO WEAR:** professional looking street clothes, but comfortable clothes so you can sit with the children

**PREPARATION:** Read in your textbook or check on the internet about the different types of handicaps in children (cerebral palsy, Downs Syndrome, fetal alcohol syndrome, spina bifida, blindness)

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** This is critical. Keep all names and diagnoses totally confidential, not discussing them outside of the facility

**NON SMOKING FACILITY:** There is no smoking in the facility or on the campus. If you are a smoker you must get in your car and leave the campus to smoke.

**EXPERIENCE:** Students will be assigned to rooms to visit throughout the day in which observations of the children will occur. A break will occur for you to eat the lunch you have brought or you can go to the MCCC cafeteria. After lunch you will return to your assigned rooms. Please remain in the assigned rooms, changing based on the schedule given by the Director. Be prepared to discuss objectives during postconference with your clinical instructor.