



Introducing Wendy Penney

Hello! I am happy to be Lauren Coleman's Long Term Sub this fall! I am teaching Medical Interventions in the Elements of Health and Medicine Strand of The Insight Program.

I began my career as a Physician Assistant in Pediatric Cardiac and General Surgery at Children's Hospital of WI as well as Adult Cardiac Surgery at the University of MI-Ann Arbor Hospital.

After having my second child (of three), I explored the world of at-home parenting. I loved this but as my children grew and their schools no longer needed volunteers, I chose to teach! I have licenses to teach biology and chemistry but am most passionate about teaching medical coursework, which seems to be the wave of the future in high schools! I am fortunate that this class falls in line with my Master's Degree and Training as I can add valuable experiences to these classes.

Elements of Health & Medicine:

Recently, students learned about a fictional outbreak at a college. They learned how to stop an outbreak by collecting information from patients, using scientific lab studies to make a diagnosis, treat the illness and educate patients. The culminating project included medical rounds. They were the interns, instructor Mrs. Penney was the attending and staff volunteers were the patients. Students presented all the aforementioned information and answered challenging questions from Mrs. Penney and the "patients." Afterward, students reflected on their experiences, and shared how this learning opportunity was authentic and engaging for anyone considering a career in health care (pic below shows some example reflections that were shared with their "patients").

