

GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LPN – Quarterly Report
January – March 2017

- 1) This year we began the Spring semester with a new Practical Nursing cohort of 25 students.
- 2) In December 18 students from the 2016 PN cohort successfully completed the program and had their pinning ceremony on January 15th at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort. We anxiously anticipate for this group to begin taking their NCLEX-PN exams within the next few months.
- 3) Assisting our PN graduates to successfully pass the NCLEX-PN exam continues to remain a priority for our faculty and department. Recently, the faculty have attended training to assist them with utilizing and incorporating Assessment Technologies Institute's NCLEX test programs. We are continuing with our efforts to update our curriculum to meet current standards and practice for nursing education and healthcare. We are determined to improve our current pass rate to at least 75% (the minimum requirement from the Guam Board of Nursing) with the current actionable improvement plans we have recently implemented for our program.
- 4) Reaching out to our graduates to encourage them to take the NCLEX-PN right away following graduation remains a challenge for our department. However, it is a challenge we are committed to improving. Contact updates and connections with local employers as well as the University has provided us with the opportunity to receive updates on our recent graduates as well as their progression in the community.
- 5) The certificate in Practical Nursing program prepares students to become Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN). LPNs work in a variety of settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, doctor's offices, home health care, public health departments, schools, and various government programs. Ideally they work under the supervision of Registered Nurses. Students who successfully complete the three semester program will be eligible to take the National Council on State Board of Nursing (NCSBN) and will enable students to earn a license in Practical Nursing.
- 6) Admissions to the LPN program includes: advisement from the Allied Health Department personnel, completion of the general education requirements, official transcript evaluations, pre-entrance exam, nursing essay, and a health clearance.
- 7) The Guam Community College has an open door policy. Anyone has the right to apply and succeed. We are limited by the Rules and Regulations of the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners; which, as do most states, limits the number of students accepted to 10 students for each instructor.

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