GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE LPN – Quarterly Report July – September 2017

- 1) The Practical Nursing program went into the summer semester with 19 students. These students took courses on Medical Surgical Nursing, Mental Health and Nursing Trends. They completed clinical rotations at Guam Memorial Hospital's (GMH) Medical Surgical unit, telemetry and surgical wards. They also completed Mental Health clinicals with the Behavioral Health Wellness Department, Guma Gineflie' Dementia Day Care, Community Habilitation Center, and Guma Mami Living Centers. After completing summer courses, with a one week break in between semesters, the students began the Fall semester studying Maternal child & newborn nursing, Pediatrics, and Adult Medical Surgical Nursing II. They will be participating in clinicals by the end of September at GMH on the OB & Labor/delivery wards, Pediatrics, and Emergency room units. Additionally, they will also be at the Guam regional Medical Center on the medical surgical and telemetry units.
- 2) We are determined to improve our current pass rate from 69% to the minimum Guam Board of Nursing requirement of 75% with the current actionable improvement plans we have recently implemented for our program.
- 3) Assisting our PN graduates to successfully pass the NCLEX-PN exam continues to remain a priority for our department. We are currently half way through our updates for the program and curriculum to meet current standards and practice. We anticipate changes to admission requirements, course curriculum and textbook changes, a deletion of the summer semester for the program and a diligent emphasis on NCLEX-PN techniques for student success.
- 4) The department is currently enhancing its practice to reach out to our graduates to determine their preparedness and planning for the NCLEX-PN, examination dates, employment or relocation status and intended continuing education plans.
- 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, preentrance 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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