

GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
LPN – Quarterly Report  
October – December 2015

1) The 2015 Practical Nursing program completed in December with 23 students successfully attaining the curriculum requirements to graduate with a certificate in Practical Nursing. We anxiously anticipate our students will begin to take their NCLEX-PN exam beginning in March. Additionally, we conducted evaluations and placement tests and have officially accepted 27 students for the 2016 Practical Nursing Cohort. These students will begin the Spring semester with foundations in Nursing skills and clinical rotations at Guam Memorial Hospital.

2) The 2014 Practical Nursing program completed with 21 students successfully attaining the curriculum requirements to graduate with a certificate in Practical Nursing. Ten graduates passed on their first try and six failed which currently brings our pass rate to 63% for this cohort. Four have reported their intent to continue their education into UOG's RN program and therefore, have expressed that they will not be applying to take the NCLEX-PN exam.

In December, 2014 the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) increased the standards and question format for the NCLEX PN and RN exams. The board reported that they anticipated a decrease in the average NCLEX pass rate nationwide with changes made to the exam (NCSBN, 2015). The department is currently working to update our curriculum and program to increase our NCLEX-PN pass rate and align our standards with the changes for the NCLEX-PN exam and NCSBN expectations.


We are pleased to report that a majority of the 2013 and 2014 graduates have stated that they are now employed as LPN's at the new Guam Regional Medical Center Hospital, local clinics and the Guam Naval Hospital. Preparing our students to successfully pass the NCLEX-PN on their first try remains a priority for the program and the department. The department continues to analyze and seek out various methods and tools to assist our graduates with achieving this goal.

3) 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 Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). This exam is administered by the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). This exam is administered by the National Council on State Board of Nursing (NCSBN) and will enable students to earn a license in Practical Nursing.

4) 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.

5) 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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