## Nursing & Allied Health Department July – September 2020

## **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN PRACTICAL NURSING**

- Nineteen declared PN students completed their third semester of the Associate of Science in Practical Nursing program on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The Spring 2020 courses for clinical practice included:

- o NU220 Adult Medical Surgical Nursing (Lecture, Lab & Clinical)
- o NU230 Maternal & Newborn Concepts & Skills (Lecture, Lab & Clinical)
- o NU240 Pediatric Nursing Concepts & Skills (Lecture, Lab & Clinical)
- As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic the completion of courses were delayed. Clinical practice was completed via online simulation and on-site clinical practice hours with GMHA and DPHSS as approved by the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners. Final exams for all courses were conducted on July 31<sup>st</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>. All 19 students successfully passed the Spring semester and moved into the Fall semester on August 12, 2020.
- However, due to the sudden increase in COVID positives on island the College moved from traditional in person to completely online for all of its courses, following the Governor's declaration placing the island in PCOR1. Each faculty member is currently conducting synchronous online teaching.
- The Nursing & Allied Health Department continues to work closely with the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners as well as members from their advisory committee to determine appropriate clinical alternatives for the students.
- Applications for the next ASPN Spring 2021 cohort have been submitted to the Nursing & Allied Health Department. As a result of the declaration of PCOR1 entrance testing and announcements for the next cohort have been delayed. However, the Department anticipates announcing acceptance for the next ASPN cohort by mid-November.
- We continue to be extremely proud and thankful for our students and faculty for their dedication to respond to the call to protect our community from COVID-19. Since the start of the pandemic our students and faculty have continued to assist the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) and other clinics on island. They continue to do so while also taking their final nursing courses full time.

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