GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LPN - Quarterly Report

October-December 2009

1) 32 students graduated from the Practical Nurse program in December. The traditional nurse Pinning Ceremony was held December 11, 2009 at the Westin Resort with approximately 160 people attending.

2) The keys to the new Allied Health building were handed over in early December and the department moved in on December 18th. The Ribbon Cutting ceremony was held on December 21st which was attended by many Guam dignitaries.

3) Trina Borja was welcomed Oct 1st as the new Administrative Assistant for the Allied Health Department. She brings years of experience and knowledge to the program.

4) The bid process for equipment, supplies, office and classroom furniture was completed in November and everything was ordered. The arrival date for most items is in late January to early February 2010.

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 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.

6.) Admissions to the LPN program includes: advisement from the Allied Health Department personnel, completion of the pre-nursing requirements, 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 in number by 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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