GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE LPN – Quarterly Report April – June 2015

1) The Practical Nursing Program has a current NCLEX-PN pass rate of 78% for its 2013 PN cohort. We are also pleased to report that a majority of this class have also stated that they are now employed as LPN's at the new Guam Regional Medical Center Hospital, local clinics and the Guam Naval Hospital. Twenty-one students from our 2014 Practical Nursing cohort completed the program in December. Thirteen graduates from this cohort took their NCLEX-PN exam beginning in March. Eight have successfully passed on their first attempt bringing our current pass rate for 2014 to 61%. 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.

2) The 2015 Practical Nursing cohort began in January with 32 students. We currently have 23 students enrolled. Five students have decided to drop out of the program for personal reasons. The students started their Foundations clinical rotation at GMH's Skilled Nursing Unit in March. They are working with patients and conducting vital signs, assessments and basic care including bed baths, feedings, and wound care.

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.

5) 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.

6) 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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