## GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE LPN – Quarterly Report October – December 2017

- 1) On December 20<sup>th</sup>, 19 students from the 2017 Practical Nursing Cohort successfully completed their PN requirements and will be conducting their pinning ceremony on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January at the Lotte Hotel Guam. We are encouraging these students to take the NCLEX-PN exam within six months of graduation. The faculty and administration is working diligently to mentor and support them with this final step for becoming Licensed Practical Nurses.
- 2) The current 2016 Practical Nursing NCLEX-PN pass rate is 71%. Assisting our PN graduates to successfully pass the NCLEX-PN exam continues to remain a priority for our faculty and department. Recently, the faculty have attended training to assist them with utilizing and incorporating Assessment Technologies Institute's NCLEX test programs. We are continuing with our efforts to update our curriculum to meet current standards and practice for nursing education and healthcare. We are determined to improve our current pass rate from 71% to 75% (the minimum requirement from the Guam Board of Nursing) or higher with the actionable improvement plans we have recently implemented for our program.
- 3) The Department has decided with the recommendation of the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners to take a pause from starting the program in the Spring semester to finalize Program Curriculum changes and fully implement our actionable improvement goals for student success.
- 4) Reaching out to our graduates to encourage them to take the NCLEX-PN immediately following graduation remains a challenge for our department. However, it is a challenge we are committed to improving. Contact updates and connections with local employers as well as the University has provided us with the opportunity to receive updates on our recent graduates as well as their progression in the community.
- 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) 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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