

GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LPN – Quarterly Report
July – September 2016

- 1) The Practical Nursing program went into the summer semester with 23 students. These students took courses on Medical Surgical Nursing, Mental Health and Nursing Trends. They completed clinical rotations at Guam Memorial Hospital's Medical Surgical unit, telemetry and surgical wards. They also completed Mental Health clinicals with the Behavioral Health Wellness Department and Guma Mami Living Centers. After completing summer courses, with a one week break in between semesters, the students began Fall classes studying Maternal child & newborn nursing, Pediatrics, and Adult Medical Surgical Nursing II. They will be doing clinicals at GMH on the OB & Labor/delivery wards, Pediatrics, medical surgical, telemetry, and surgical units.
- 2) In August we hired one LTA faculty, Lucy Joo-Castro MSN, RN to our Practical Nursing team. We welcome her and are excited to have her share her expertise with our students.
- 3) 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 also have decided to decrease the number of students accepted into our program from 32 to 25 so that our faculty will be able to work more closely with the students in all areas of learning. Additionally, we have also began the process of updating our curriculum to meet current standards and practice. We are determined to improve our current pass rate from 70% to at least 75% (the requirement from the Guam Board of Nursing) with the current actionable improvement plans we have recently implemented for our program.
- 4) Reaching out to our graduates to encourage them to take the NCLEX-PN right away 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) 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.
- 7) 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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