

GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
LPN – Quarterly Report  
July – Sept 2015

1) In December 2014, twenty-one students from our 2014 Practical Nursing cohort completed the program. Fifteen graduates from this cohort took their NCLEX-PN exam beginning in March. Ten have successfully passed on their first attempt bringing our current pass rate for 2014 to 67%. The 2013 PN cohort has a current NCLEX-PN pass rate of 78%. Nine students took the NCLEX exam and seven passed on their first try. Eight students have not taken the exam. Four have reported their intent to continue their education into UOG's RN program and therefore, have expressed that they will not be applying to take the NCLEX-PN exam. The other four individuals who have not taken the exam are currently off -island pursuing continued education or have not responded back to our department regarding our request for graduate updates.

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing has recently (in December, 2014) increased the standards and question format for the NCLEX PN and RN exams. The board reported that they anticipated a decrease in the average NCLEX pass rate nationwide with the changes made to the exam (NCSBN, 2015). The department is currently analyzing and taking the necessary steps to assist students to prepare for the NCLEX-PN exam changes and expectations.

We are pleased to report that a majority of the 2013 and a few 2014 graduates have stated that they are now employed as LPN's at the new Guam Regional Medical Center Hospital, local clinics and the Guam Naval Hospital. 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 PN students are now in their final semester for the program. During the summer they participated in clinical rotations at Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness, The Dementia Clinic, and Guam Memorial Hospital's Medical Surgical, Telemetry, and Surgical units. Additionally, they participated in the Guam Federation of Teacher's Annual Tuberculosis screening and the Guam Medical Association's Medical Conference. They are currently practicing their advanced skills clinical rotation at GMH's Pediatric, Maternal Newborn, Labor & Delivery, acute care units as well as the Emergency Department.

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 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, pre-entrance 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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