## Associate of Science in Practical Nursing Quarterly Report January 1st – March 31st

## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN PRACTICAL NURSING

A new cohort of twenty students were accepted into the Associate of Science in Practical
Nursing Program for the Spring Semester, January 5, 2021. All twenty students successfully
met the pre-requisite requirements for acceptance into the ASPN 2021 cohort.

## **Pre-requisite requirements include:**

- o GPA of 2.5 or higher
- o NLN PAX Exam (Pre-Admission Assessment Exam)
- o One Page Essay "Why I want to be a nurse."
- o \*Completion of general education requirements
- The 20 students began face to face laboratory and lecture courses on January 19, 2021
   following the guidelines of the College's re-opening plan and DPHSS COVID guidelines for institutions of higher learning.
- This semester the students are enrolled in NU160 Pharmacology and NU110 Nursing Foundations with laboratory practice and clinical skills.
- The students have started clinical practice with the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority on the Medical Surgical and Surgical units in March alongside their clinical faculty, Loressa Melegrito and William Eric Lee. Additionally, they also started assisting with the COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the University of Guam Fieldhouse with their clinical faculty Rosemary Loveridge to support the COVID vaccination efforts for the island.

## **2020 ASPN COHORT**

Sixteen applications to test for PN licensure were submitted to the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners for our 2020 ASPN cohort. All 19 students successfully completed the ASPN core course requirements for the program. However, three students will be completing general requirements by the end of this semester, May 2021. These are courses that they were not able to complete during the pandemic. Following successful completion of these requirements the department will assist the three remaining students to apply for their PN exam for licensure with GBNE.

The Department continues to work closely with our ASPN graduates regarding their preparations for PN licensure. Thanks to the generosity of the Takecare grant we were able to renew a purchase for online preparatory resources for our PN student to further assist them with the successful passing of their NCLEX exam for licensure. It is our goal to prepare our graduates to take the exam within the next 4-6 months.

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