

**Nursing & Allied Health Department**  
**October 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Practical Nursing**

- On September 13, 2018 the Nursing & Allied Health Department voluntarily withdrew its Certificate in Practical Nursing Program with the support of the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners to offer an Associates of Science in Practical Nursing Program.
- In December the Department submitted updates for the Associate Program to the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners and an official proposal for the new program with curriculum, advisory minutes, needs assessment survey results and letters of support from industry leaders.
- December 28, 2018 the Substantive Change Proposal was emailed and air-mailed to the Accrediting Commission for Junior Colleges (ACCJC). All requirements for the proposal were included. The ACCJC Substantive Change Committee will meet on February 13, 2019. We are hopeful and are anxiously awaiting a response from both the Guam Board of Nursing as well as ACCJC.

**Medical Assisting**

- We are currently in the final phase of updating our curriculum to align us with current standards for accrediting bodies such as the Commission on Accreditation on Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP) and the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) for all associated programs.
- Katsuyoshi Uchima attended the ABHES workshop in California on October 8<sup>th</sup> to October 11<sup>th</sup> to being the Medical Assistant Programmatic accreditation process. It also provided the faculty with the opportunity to meet with the ABHES accreditation team, staff member and coordinators.

**Secondary Programs**

- This semester faculty and students have taken the time to become more acquainted with their faculty. We had new faculty placed in each secondary location. Rolland Tyquiengco was a returning faculty member. However, he moved from Southern High to George Washington High School.

**CNA/EMT**

- This past semester we had a total of 14 students complete the CNA course. We are working with our students to assist them with preparations for the Certified Nurse Assistant written and skills exams. Successful passing of these exams with the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners will allow them to be officially licensed as a CNA for Guam.

- This past semester we had a total of 14 students complete the EMT course. These students successfully completed the written and skills test requirements for the course. They will now be eligible to take the National Registry for Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) exam in order to practice as an EMT on island. The department is working to support and encourage the EMT students to prepare for and take the exam in a timely manner.

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