

GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
LPN – Quarterly Report  
April – June 2016

- 1) The Practical Nursing program began the summer semester with 25 students. These students are taking Nursing Trends, Mental Health, & Adult Medical Surgical Nursing Courses this semester. They will be starting Medical Surgical clinical rotations at GMH and Mental Health clinical rotations at Guma Mami, Catholic Social Services, and Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness.
- 2) In April, the PN faculty came together during their Spring break through the funding of the Area Health Education Center grant to provide an NCLEX-PN review for all former students incorporating NCSBN expectations. 26 students enrolled for this course. Three participants of this review from the 2015 cohort recently took the NCLEX-PN licensing exam and passed on their first try.
- 3) The department has made it a priority to update our curriculum and program to increase our NCLEX-PN pass rate and align our standards with the changes for the NCLEX-PN exam and NCSBN expectations. Additionally, 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.
- 4) In June, Ms. Lucy Joo Castro MSN, RN accepted to the position to be a faculty member for the Practical Nursing Program. We are excited to welcome her to our team in August.
- 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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