Nursing & Allied Heath Department July 2024-September 2024 Quarterly Report

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN PRACTICAL NURSING

On July 1, 2024, the Nursing & Allied Health Department submitted its 2024 ASPN Annual Report to the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners. The current pass rate for first-write passers for the 2023 ASPN cohort is 94%. Only one graduate from this cohort has not taken the NCLEX-PN exam. The department continues to reach out to the graduate to encourage him to test, and to provide support for licensure.

The 2024 ASPN cohort began the fall semester on August 15, 2024 with 28 students who were enrolled in the following courses:

- NU220 Adult Medical Surgical Nursing
- NU230 Maternal Newborn Concepts & Skills
- NU240 Pediatric Nursing Concepts & Skills

On September 9-September 10, 2024, Associate Dean Dorothy-Lou Duenas participated in the Evidence-Based Practice & Nursing Leadership meeting at Naval Hospital Guam. Attendees of this event included members from the community and the military including nurses from Andersen, Army (off-island), Joint Regions Marianas, Army National Guard, FHP, UOG, GRMC, and GMHA. This event provided invaluable information and networking with other nurses to help promote and sustain evidence-based practices for our LPN program.

On September 12, 2024, the department hosted an informational webinar via Zoom with Grand Canyon University (GCU) to announce the Concurrent Enrollment Pathway (CEP) between GCC and GCU. This is an opportunity for students who graduate with their Associate of Science in Practical Nursing to continue with GCU for an opportunity to earn a Bachelor's in Health Sciences.

The department submitted clinical requests for NU220 Adult MedSurg, which were approved by the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority & Guam Regional Medical City. The PN cohort began their first day of clinical rotations on September 16, 2024.

The Nursing & Allied Health Department is pleased to welcome an additional support staff member. Marina Aguilar joins the department as the Administrative Assistant. Mrs. Aguilar has been with Guam Community College for the past 19 years and brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to the department and nursing program.

Students who are interested in declaring or taking classes for the Practical Nursing program are highly encouraged to seek advisement from the Nursing & Allied Health Department. For assistance or inquiries, please email Tamara Hiura at tamaratherse.hiura@guamcc.edu or Dorothy-Lou Duenas at dorothylou.duenas@guamcc.edu.

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