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COMMENT: References to “Department of Education,” “Department” or DOE changed to “Guam Public School System” or “GPSS” where appropriate pursuant to P.L. 28-045:10 (June 6, 2005).

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§ 19101. Findings and Purpose.

The Legislature finds, that there is a critical need for employment of additional nurses each year resulting in an ever-increasing financial burden upon the government of Guam in meeting its obligation to maintain a modern system of health care, that the problem is made more acute by an increasing shortage of adequately trained local nurses, and that the Government has thus failed in its efforts to induce adequate numbers of local students to seek a career in nursing.

SOURCE: § 11885 GC, as added by P.L. 11-161.

§ 19102. Stipends.

There are hereby established the following stipends for nursing students at the University of Guam:

(1) A monthly allowance shall be paid to a nursing student recipient at the following rates: Freshmen, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per month; Sophomore, Three Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$375.00) per month; Junior, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per month; Senior and Graduate Standing, Six Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$625.00) per month.

(2) As a condition for continuing full entitlement to the benefits provided in this Chapter, recipients must maintain a full-time enrollment, as defined by regulation of the University of Guam, and be of good academic

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standing. No recipient may receive benefits beyond the number of calendar years normally required to complete such nursing student's program.

(3) Registration, tuition and other related fees normally assessed by the University of Guam, and an allowance in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), shall be allowed each recipient for each regular semester, and One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per summer session in which a nursing student is enrolled to cover costs of textbooks and supplies

SOURCE: § 11886 GC, as added by P.L. 11-161. Amended by P.L. 22-161:4(d); P.L. 25-137:1.

§ 19103. Selection of Trainees.

The program shall be open to any student who has completed high school, or is otherwise declared by the University of Guam as eligible for admission to the program; who is a United States citizen or permanent resident alien; *and* who has been a resident of Guam for *at least* one (1) year *prior to* the beginning of the academic semester or term the student is admitted, registered and enrolled in the program. The number of trainees who may enroll in the program annually shall be limited *only* by the capacity of the University of Guam and by funds made available to it by annual appropriation. In the event of limited space and/or funds, priority shall be given to students at the highest level of training and closest to the completion of their program. No student may receive stipends beyond the number of calendar years normally required to complete a training program.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law or administrative rules and regulations, students who hold a Bachelor's Degree in a subject other than nursing shall be eligible for the program, provided that such students meet all other requirements herein.

SOURCE: § 11887 GC, as added by P.L. 11-161. Amended by P.L. 26-09:1; P.L. 28-97 (Feb. 7, 2006).

§ 19104. Employment of Trainees: Reimbursement.

Employment of Trainees: Reimbursement. (a) As a condition of selection and enrollment in the program, each trainee shall agree to accept employment as a nurse, either professional or practical, in the public health system of Guam, including the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, as school health counselors in the Guam Public School System or the Guam Community College, or in private clinics licensed to do business on Guam, and to continue in such

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employment for a period of time equal to the period of training under the program.

(b) The recipient shall further agree that in the event of the recipient's failure or refusal to fulfill the obligation set forth in Subsection (a), the recipient shall then repay the government of Guam an amount equal to the total monthly allowances paid to the recipient pursuant to § 19102, including actual costs to the government for textbooks and supplies.

SOURCE: § 11888 GC, as added by P.L. 11-161. Amended by P.L. 26-22:1.

§ 19105. In-service Training for Resident Nurses.

Any non-contract professional or practical nurse employed by the government of Guam in a permanent position, who is a U.S. citizen and a *bona fide* resident of Guam, who lacks *not more than* two (2) years or their equivalent in requirements for a degree in nursing shall be entitled to enroll at the University of Guam for the purpose of completing work toward such degree as an in-service training program, whereby the recipient continues to receive the recipient's regular salary from the government of Guam, including all scheduled pay increases, so long as the recipient maintains passing work at the University of Guam, and so long as the program leading to the issuance of the degree in nursing is pursued; provided, however, that no person shall participate in such in-service program in excess of two (2) years or their equivalent.

In addition, every person who participates in such program shall be obligated to work for the government of Guam for a period of two (2) years for each year of training received, failing which the recipient shall be liable to repay the cost of the recipient's training to the government.

SOURCE: § 11889 GC, as added by P.L. 11-161. Amended by P.L. 26-22:3.

§ 19106. [Vacant].

§ 19107. Graduate Nurses Corps established.

The University of Guam shall develop and establish a Graduate Nurses Corps that would meet academic and accreditation standards for a Masters in Nursing Degree. The Graduate Nurses Corps shall be established after the School of Nursing at the University of Guam has achieved accreditation from the National League for Nursing.

SOURCE: Added as § 19170 by P.L. 22-161:4(b) (12/30/94). Renumbered by Compiler.

§ 19108. Annual Report and Budget Request.

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The University shall submit to the Governor and the Speaker of the Legislature an annual report and budgetary request to fund the programs established in this Chapter.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 22-161:4(c) (12/30/94).

§19109. Minimum Grade-Point-Average.

For students entering the Nursing Training Program after the enactment of this Section, the *minimum* cumulative grade-point-average to remain in the program in good standing is ‘2.5.’ In the event such a student participating in the Nursing Training Program drops below the minimum cumulative grade-point-average herein, the student shall be placed on probation for a period to be determined by the Board of Regents, but such probationary period shall *not* exceed three (3) semesters *exclusive* of summers or inter-sessions.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 26-22:2.

§ 19110. Garnishment of Income Tax Refunds in the Event of Default.

The University of Guam may, subject to the terms and conditions of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Revenue and Taxation, garnish the tax refunds due to any recipient of assistance pursuant to this Chapter and/or the recipient’s co-signer(s) who has defaulted on the repayment of such assistance and a judgment has issued. Such garnishment shall not exceed the judgment amount.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 27-51:3 as section 19109. Renumbered by Compiler because section 19109 already occupied.
