

**COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL**  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Hospital")

**AND**

**ONTARIO NURSES ASSOCIATION**  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

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## ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE

1.01 The general purpose of this Agreement is to establish and maintain collective bargaining relations between the Hospital and the nurses covered by this Agreement; to provide for on-going means of communication between the Association and the Hospital and the prompt disposition of grievances and the final settlement of disputes and to establish and maintain mutually satisfactory salaries, hours of work and other conditions of employment in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

1.02 It is recognized that nurses wish to work together with the Hospital to secure the best possible nursing care and health protection for patients. Appropriate committees have been created under this Agreement to work towards this objective.

**NOTE:** In this collective agreement, where the context otherwise requires, the word " nurse(s) " shall include employees in affiliated bargaining units who are represented by the Ontario Nurses' Association.

## ARTICLE 2 - DEFINITIONS & GRADUATE NURSES

2.01 A registered nurse is a nurse who holds a General Certificate of Registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario in accordance with the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, and *the Nursing Act*.

Note: Where an employee is in a position other than in a registered nursing position with duties and responsibilities which are subject to the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, he or she shall be treated in a manner consistent with the this Article.

2.02 A nurse who holds a Temporary Certificate of Registration in accordance with *the Nursing Act, 1991* and its Regulations must obtain her or his General Certificate of Registration prior to the expiry of her or his Temporary Certificate. If the nurse fails to obtain her or his General Certificate of Registration prior to the expiry of her or his Temporary Certificate of Registration, but in any case not longer than two years from her or his date of hire, she/he will be deemed to be not qualified for the position of registered nurse and she/he will be terminated from the employ of the Hospital. Such termination shall not be the subject of a grievance or arbitration.

Note: Where an employee is in a position other than in a registered nursing position with duties and responsibilities which are subject to *the Regulated Health Professions Act*, he or she shall be treated in a manner consistent with the this Article.

- 2.03 (a) A nurse who holds a Temporary Certificate of Registration will be classified, for purposes of salary, at a level equal to the level previously accorded to the graduate nurse category under the collective agreement which expired March 31, 1996.
- (b) A nurse who was employed at the Hospital prior to October 23, 1981 in the capacity of graduate nurse and who continues to be employed in that capacity will be classified, for purposes of salary, at a level equal to the level accorded to the graduate nurse category under the collective agreement which expired March 31, 1996.
- 2.04 A full-time nurse is a nurse who is regularly scheduled to work the normal full-time hours referred to in Article 13.
- 2.05 A regular part-time nurse is a nurse who regularly works less than the normal full-time hours referred to in Article 13 and who offers to make a commitment to be available for work on a regular predetermined basis. All other part-time nurses shall be considered casual nurses. The predetermined basis upon which the commitment to be available is made shall be determined in local negotiations.
- The definitions shall not have the effect of changing the composition of any existing bargaining units. The Hospital shall not refuse to accept an offer from a nurse to make a commitment to be available for work on a regular predetermined basis solely for the purpose of utilizing casual nurses so as to restrict the number of regular part-time nurses.
- 2.06 This combined agreement contains provisions applicable to full time nurses and provisions applicable to part time nurses. The combination of the agreements shall not have the effect of changing the composition of any existing bargaining units nor shall it have the effect of conferring representation rights where such rights do not presently exist. The scope of the applicable bargaining unit is set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions.

### ARTICLE 3 - RELATIONSHIP

- 3.01 The Hospital and the Association agree that there will be no discrimination, interference, intimidation, restriction or coercion exercised or practiced by any of their representatives with respect to any nurse because of the nurse's membership or non-membership in the Association or activity or lack of activity on behalf of the Association or by reason of exercising her or his rights under the Collective Agreement.
- 3.02 The Association agrees there will be no Association activity, solicitation for membership, or collection of Association dues on Hospital premises or during

working hours except with the written permission of the Hospital or as specifically provided for in this Agreement.

**3.03** It is agreed that there will be no discrimination by either party or by any of the nurses covered by this Agreement on the basis of race, creed, colour, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, age, handicap, religious affiliation or any other factor which is not pertinent to the employment relationship. **Ref: Ontario Human Rights Code**

**3.04** (a) "Every person who is an employee has a right to freedom from harassment in the workplace by the employer or agent of the employer or by another employee because of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, age, record of offences, marital status, family status or handicap". ref: **Ontario Human Rights Code, Sec. 5 (2)**

(b) "Every person who is an employee has a right to freedom from harassment in the workplace because of sex by his or her employer or agent of the employer or by another employee". ref: **Ontario Human Rights Code, Sec. 7 (2)**

The right to freedom from harassment in the workplace applies also to sexual orientation.

(c) "Every person has a right to be free from,

- i) a sexual solicitation or advance made by a person in a position to confer, grant or deny a benefit or advancement to the person where the person making the solicitation or advance knows or ought reasonably to know that it is unwelcome; or
- ii) a reprisal or threat of reprisal for the rejection of a sexual solicitation or advance where the reprisal is made or threatened by a person in a position to confer, grant or deny a benefit or advancement to the person". ref: **Ontario Human Rights Code, Sec. 7 (3)**

(d) A nurse who believes that she has been harassed contrary to this provision may file a grievance under Article 7 of this agreement.

**NOTE:** "Harassment" means engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome". ref: **Ontario Human Rights Code, Sec. 10 (7)**

**3.05** The Hospital and the Association recognize their joint duty to accommodate handicapped employees in accordance with the provisions of the **Ontario Human Rights Code**.

#### ARTICLE 4 - NO STRIKE. NO LOCKOUT

- 4.01** The Association agrees there shall be no strikes and the Hospital agrees there shall be no lockouts so long as this Agreement continues to operate. The terms "strike" and "lockout" shall bear the meaning given them in the *Ontario Labour Relations Act*.

#### ARTICLE 5 - ASSOCIATION SECURITY

- 5.01** The Hospital will deduct from each nurse covered by this Agreement an amount equal to the regular monthly Association dues designated by the Association. The deduction period for a part-time nurse may be extended where the nurse does not receive any pay in a particular month.

Where a nurse has no dues deducted during the payroll period from which dues are normally deducted, that deduction shall be made in the next payroll period provided the nurse has earnings in the next payroll period.

If the failure to deduct dues results from an error by the hospital, then, as soon as the error is called to its attention by the union, the Hospital shall make the deduction in the manner agreed to by the parties.

- 5.02** Such dues shall be deducted monthly and in the case of newly employed nurses, such deductions shall commence in the month following their date of hire.

- 5.03** The amount of the regular monthly dues shall be those authorized by the Association and the Vice President, Finance of the Association shall notify the Hospital of any changes therein and such notification shall be the Hospital's conclusive authority to make the deduction specified.

- 5.04** In consideration of the deducting and forwarding of Association dues by the Hospital, the Association agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Hospital against any claims or liabilities arising or resulting from the operation of this Article.

- 5.05** The amounts so deducted shall be remitted monthly to the Vice-president, Finance of the Association, no later than the end of the month following the month in which the dues were deducted. In remitting such dues, the Hospital shall provide a list of nurses from whom deductions were made, their work site ( if the bargaining unit covers more than one site) and the nurses' social insurance numbers. The list shall also include deletions and additions from the preceding month highlighting new hires, resignations, terminations, new unpaid leave of absence of greater than one (1) month and returns from leaves of absence. A copy of this list will be sent to the local Association. If the hospital agrees to provide the union with the information in an

electronic format, the parties will meet to discuss the format in which the information will be set out.

- 5.06** The Hospital agrees that an officer of the Association or Union representative shall be allowed a reasonable period during regular working hours to interview newly hired nurses during their probationary period. During such interview, membership forms may be provided to the nurse. These interviews shall be scheduled in advance as determined by local negotiation and may be arranged collectively or individually by the Hospital.

**NOTE:** The list provided for in Article 5.05 shall include any other information that is currently provided to ONA. Additionally, the Hospital will provide each nurse with a T-4 Supplementary Slip showing the dues deducted in the previous year for income tax purposes where such information is or becomes readily available through the Hospital's payroll system.

## ARTICLE 6 - REPRESENTATION AND COMMITTEES

### **6.01**      Meetings

All joint Employer Association meetings shall be scheduled where practical, during the nurse's regular working hours. The Employer will provide replacement staff where operationally required.

The Employer agrees to pay for time spent during regular working hours for representatives of the Association attending meetings with the Employer.

### **6.02**      Nurse Representatives & Grievance Committee

- (a) The Hospital agrees to recognize Association representatives to be elected or appointed from amongst nurses in the bargaining unit for the purpose of dealing with Association business as provided in this Collective Agreement. The number of representatives and the areas which they represent are set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions.
- (b) The Hospital will recognize a Grievance Committee, one of whom shall be chair. This committee shall operate and conduct itself in accordance with the provisions of the Collective Agreement and the number of nurses on the Grievance Committee is set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions.
- (c) It is agreed that Union representatives and members of the Grievance Committee have their regular duties and responsibilities to perform for the Hospital and shall not leave their regular duties without first obtaining permission from their immediate supervisor. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld. If, in the performance

of their duties, a union representative or member of the Grievance Committee is required to enter a unit within the hospital in which they are not ordinarily employed they shall, immediately upon entering such unit, report their presence to the supervisor or nurse in charge, as the case may be. When resuming their regular duties and responsibilities, such representatives shall again report to their immediate supervisor. The Hospital agrees to pay for all time spent during their regular hours by such representatives hereunder.

## 6.03

Hospital-Association Committee

- (a) There shall be a Hospital-Association Committee comprised of representatives of the Hospital, one of whom shall be the Chief Nursing Officer or designate and of the Association, one of whom shall be the Bargaining Unit President or designate. The number of representatives is set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions and the membership of the Committee may be expanded by mutual agreement.
- (b) The Committee shall meet every **two (2)** months unless otherwise agreed and as required under Article 8.01 (a)(i). The duties of chair and secretary shall alternate between the parties. Where possible, agenda items will be exchanged in writing at least five **(5)** calendar days prior to the meeting. A record shall be maintained of matters referred to the Committee and the recommended disposition, if any, unless agreed to the contrary. Copies of the record shall be provided to Committee members.
- (c) The purpose of the Committee includes:
  - i) promoting and providing effective and meaningful communication of information and ideas; making joint recommendations on matters of concern including the quality and quantity of nursing care and discussing the development and implementation of quality initiatives;
  - ii) making joint recommendations to the Chief Nursing Officer on matters of concern regarding recurring workload issues including the development of staffing guidelines, the use of agency nurses and use of overtime;
  - iii) dealing with complaints referred to it in accordance with the provisions of Article 8, Professional Responsibility;
  - iv) discussing and reviewing matters relating to orientation and in-service programs.



- (d) The Hospital agrees to pay for time spent during regular working hours for representatives of the Association attending at such meetings.

## 6.04

- (a) Negotiating Committee

The Hospital agrees to recognize a Negotiating Committee comprised of representatives of the Association for the purpose of negotiating a renewal agreement. The number of nurses on the Negotiating Committee is set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions. The Hospital agrees to pay members of the Negotiating Committee for time spent during regular working hours in negotiations with the Hospital for a renewal agreement up to, but not including, arbitration.

- (b) Central Negotiating Team

In central bargaining between the Ontario Nurses' Association and the Participating Hospitals, a nurse serving on the Association's Central Negotiating Team shall be paid for time lost from the nurse's regularly scheduled straight time working hours at her or his regular rate of pay, and without loss of leave credits, for attending central negotiating meetings with the Hospitals' Central Negotiating Committee up to, but not including, arbitration.

Central Negotiating Team members shall receive unpaid time off for the purpose of preparation for negotiations. The Association will advise the Hospitals concerned, as far in advance as possible, of the dates for which leave is being requested.

Upon reference to arbitration, the Central Negotiating Team members shall receive unpaid time off for the purpose of attending arbitration hearings.

Time spent on such meetings will not be considered leave under Article 11.02, Leave for Association Business.

The maximum number of Central Negotiating Team members entitled to payment under this provision shall be eight (8), and in no case will more than one (1) nurse from a hospital be entitled to such payment.

The Association shall advise the Hospitals' Central Negotiating Committee of those nurses to be paid under this provision. The Hospitals' Central Negotiating Committee will make such request known to the affected hospitals.

For any unpaid leave of absence under this provision, a full-time nurse's salary and applicable benefits shall be maintained by the

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Hospital, and the Association agrees to reimburse the Hospital in the amount of the full cost of such salary.

For any unpaid leave of absence under this provision, a part-time nurse's salary and percentage in lieu of fringe benefits shall be maintained by the Hospital, and the Association agrees to reimburse the Hospital in the amount of the full cost of such salary and percentage in lieu of fringe benefits.

Part-time nurses will be credited with seniority and service for all such leave.

## 6.05

### Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee

- (a) The Hospital and the Association agree that they mutually desire to maintain standards of safety and health in the hospital in order to prevent accidents, injury and illness.
- (b) Recognizing its responsibilities under the applicable legislation, the Hospital agrees to accept as a member of its Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee, at least one (1) representative selected or appointed by the Association from amongst bargaining unit employees.

Hospital with sites of up to one hundred (100) nurses per site may choose to include a representative from the bargaining unit from *each* site, or have a separate Joint Occupational Health and Safety committee at each site or to remain with the current structure.

Hospitals with sites of over one hundred (100) nurses per site will choose either to include a representative from the bargaining unit from each site, or to have a separate Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee at each site, unless the parties agree otherwise.

- (c) Such Committee shall identify potential dangers and hazards, institute means of improving health and safety programs and recommend actions to be taken to improve conditions related to safety and health.
- (d) The Hospital agrees to cooperate in providing necessary information to enable the Committee to fulfill its functions. In addition, the Hospital will provide the Committee with access to all accident reports, health and safety records and any other pertinent information in its possession.

- (e) Meetings shall be held every second month or more frequently at the call of the Chair, if required. The Committee shall maintain minutes of all meetings and make the same available for review.
- (9) Any representative appointed or selected in accordance with (b) hereof, shall serve for a term of at least one (1) calendar year from the date of appointment. Time off for representatives to perform these duties shall be granted.

"A member of a committee is entitled to,

- (a) one hour or such longer period of time as the committee determines is necessary to prepare for each committee meeting;
- (b) such time as is necessary to attend meetings of the committee; and
- (c) such time as is necessary to carry ~~out~~ [inspections and investigations under subsection 9 (26), 9 (27), and 9 (31) of the *Act*]." ref: ***Occupational Health and Safety Act, Sec. 9 (34)***

"A member of a committee shall be deemed to be at work during the times described [above] and the member's employer shall pay the member for those times at the member's regular or premium rate as may be proper." *ref. Occupational Health and Safety Act, Sec. 9(35)*

- (g) The Association agrees to endeavour to obtain the **full** cooperation of its membership in the observation of all safety rules and practices.
- (h) Pregnant employees may request to be transferred from their current duties if, in the professional opinion of the employee's physician, the pregnancy may be at risk. If such a transfer is not feasible, the pregnant employee, if she so requests, will be granted an unpaid leave of absence before commencement of the current contractual pregnancy leave.
- (i) Where the Hospital identifies high risk areas where nurses are exposed to infectious or **communicable** diseases for which there are available protective medications, such medications **shall** be provided at **no** cost to the nurses.
- (j) At least one of the employees representing workers under the ***Occupational Health and Safety Act***, who are trained to be certified workers as defined under the *Act*, shall be **from** the Association. The parties agree that it will not be a breach of this provision if only one employee representing workers is trained to be a **certified** worker and

such employee is not from the Association provided that the next employee representing workers trained to be a certified worker is from the Association.

- (k) "A member of a committee shall be deemed to be at work while the member is fulfilling the requirements for becoming certified by the Workplace Health and Safety Agency, and the member's employer shall pay the member for the time spent at the member's regular or premium rate as may be proper". **ref: Occupational Health and Safety Act, Sec. 9 (36)** "[This provision] does not apply with respect to workers who are paid by the Agency for the time spent fulfilling the requirements for becoming certified". ref: Sec 9 (37)
- (l) **(1)** "This section does not apply to a [nurse]
- (a) when a circumstance described below is inherent in the worker's work or is a normal condition of the worker's employment; or
  - (b) when the worker's refusal to work would directly endanger the **life**, health or safety of another person". **ref: Occupational Health and Safety Act, Sec. 43 (1)**
- (2)** "A worker may refuse to work or do particular work where he or she has reason to believe that,
- (a) any equipment, machine, device or thing the worker is to use or operate is likely to endanger himself, herself or another worker;
  - (b) the physical condition of the workplace or the part thereof in which he or she works or is to work is likely to endanger himself or herself; or
  - (c) any equipment, machine, device or thing he or she is to use or operate or the physical condition of the workplace or the part thereof in which he or she works or is to work is in contravention of this **Act** or the regulations and **such** contravention is likely to endanger himself, herself or another worker". Ref: **Occupational Health and Safety Act, Sec. 43 (3)**.

NOTE: Issues relating to chairing of meetings and responsibility for the taking of minutes should be discussed locally with the Hospital and the other Unions representing employees of the Hospital.

**6.06** The Association may hold meetings on Hospital premises providing permission has been first obtained from the Hospital.

- 6.07 The Association shall keep the Hospital notified in writing of the names of the union representatives and/or Committee members and Officers of the Local Association appointed or selected under this Article as well as the effective date of their respective appointments.
- 6.08 All reference to union representatives, committee members and officers in this Agreement shall be deemed to mean nurse representatives, committee members or officers of the Local Association.
- 6.09 The Hospital agrees to give representatives of the Ontario Nurses' Association access to the premises of the Hospital for the purpose of attending grievance meetings or otherwise assisting in the administration of this Agreement, provided prior arrangements are made with the Administrator. Such representatives shall have access to the premises only with the approval of the Administrator which will not be unreasonably withheld.
- 6.10 Where a nurse makes prior arrangements for time off from a tour of duty, the nurse shall not be scheduled to work another tour that day.
- 6.11 Nurses who are members of committees pursuant to Regulation 965 of the *Public Hospitals Act* will suffer no loss of earnings for time spent during regular working hours for attending committee meetings.

Where a nurse attends a committee meeting outside of regularly scheduled hours, she or he will be paid for all hours spent in attendance at meetings at her or his regular straight time hourly rate.

## **ARTICLE 7 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

- 7.01 For purposes of this Agreement, a grievance is defined as a difference arising between the parties relating to the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of the Agreement including any question as to whether a matter is arbitrable.
- 7.02 At the time formal discipline is imposed or at any stage of the grievance procedure, including the complaint stage, a nurse is entitled to be represented by her or his union representative. In the case of suspension or discharge, the Hospital shall notify the nurse of this right in advance, The Hospital also agrees, as a good labour relations practice, in most circumstances it will also notify the local Association.
- 7.03 It is the intent of the parties that complaints of nurses shall be adjusted as quickly as possible, and it is understood that a nurse has no grievance until she or he has first given her or his immediate supervisor the opportunity of

adjusting the complaint. Such complaint shall be discussed with her or his immediate supervisor within nine (9) calendar days after the circumstances giving rise to it have occurred or ought reasonably to have come to the attention of the nurse. This discussion may include consultation, advice and assistance from others. If there is no settlement within nine (9) calendar days, it shall then be taken up as a grievance within nine (9) calendar days in the following manner and sequence:

#### Step No. 1

The nurse may submit a written grievance, through the Association, signed by the nurse, to the Chief Nursing Officer or designate. The grievance shall be on a form referred to in Article 7.09 and shall identify the nature of the grievance and the remedy sought and should identify the provisions of the Agreement which are alleged to be violated. The parties may, if they so desire, meet to discuss the grievance at a time and place suitable to both parties. The Chief Nursing Officer or designate will deliver her or his decision in writing within nine (9) calendar days following the day on which the grievance was presented to her or him. Failing settlement, then:

#### Step No. 2

Within nine (9) calendar days following the decision under Step No. 1, the grievance may be submitted in writing to the Hospital Administrator or designate. A meeting will then be held between the Hospital Administrator or designate and the Grievance Committee within nine (9) calendar days of the submission of the grievance at Step 2 unless extended by agreement of the parties. It is understood and agreed that a representative(s) of the Ontario Nurses' Association and the grievor may be present at the meeting.

It is further understood that the Hospital Administrator or designate may have such counsel and assistance as she or he may desire at such meeting.

The decision of the Hospital shall be delivered in writing within nine (9) calendar days following the date of such meeting. A copy of the second step grievance reply will be provided to the Labour Relations Officer.

**7.04** A complaint or grievance arising directly between the Hospital and the Association concerning the interpretation, application or alleged violation of the Agreement shall be originated at Step No. 2 within fourteen (14) calendar days following the circumstances giving rise to the complaint or grievance. A grievance by the Hospital shall be filed with the Bargaining Unit President or designate.

**7.05** Where a number of nurses have identical grievances and each nurse would be entitled to grieve separately they may present a group grievance in writing signed by each nurse who is grieving to the Chief Nursing Officer or designate within fourteen (14) calendar days after the circumstances giving rise to the grievance have occurred or ought reasonably to have come to the

attention of the nurse(s). The grievance shall then be treated as being initiated at Step No. 1 and the applicable provisions of this Article shall then apply with respect to the processing of such grievance.

7.06

The release of a probationary nurse for reasons based on performance and ability to do the job, including skills, suitability and availability shall not be subject to the grievance procedure unless the probationary nurse is released for:

- a) reasons which are arbitrary, discriminatory or in bad faith;
- b) exercising a right under this Agreement.

The Hospital agrees to provide written reasons for the release of a probationary nurse within seven (7) days of such release.

A claim by a probationary nurse that she or he has been unjustly released shall be treated as a grievance, provided the nurse is entitled to grieve, if a written statement of such grievance is lodged by the nurse with the Hospital at Step 2 within seven (7) days after the date the release is effected. Such grievance shall be treated as a special grievance as set out below.

The Hospital agrees to provide written reasons within seven (7) calendar days to the affected nurse in the case of discharge or suspension and further agrees that it will not suspend, discharge or otherwise discipline a nurse who has completed her or his probationary period, without just cause.

A claim by a nurse who has completed her or his probationary period that she or he has been unjustly discharged or suspended shall be treated as a grievance if a written statement of such grievance is lodged by the nurse with the Hospital at Step No. 2 within seven (7) calendar days after the date the discharge or suspension is effected. Such special grievance may be settled under the Grievance or Arbitration Procedure by:

- (a) Confirming the Hospital's action in dismissing the nurse; or
- (b) Reinstating the nurse with or without loss of seniority and with or without full compensation for the time lost; or
- (c) By any other arrangement which may be deemed just and equitable.

7.07

- (a) Failing settlement under the foregoing procedure of any grievance between the parties arising from the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of this Agreement, including any question as to whether a matter is arbitrable, such grievance may be submitted to arbitration as hereinafter provided. If no written request for arbitration is received within thirty-six (36) calendar days after the

decision under Step No. 2 is given, the grievance shall be deemed to have been abandoned. Where such a written request is postmarked within thirty-four (34) calendar days after the decision under Step No.2 , it will be deemed to have been received within the time limits.

- (b) The parties agree that it is their intent to resolve grievances without recourse to arbitration, wherever possible. Therefore, notwithstanding (a) above, the parties may, upon mutual agreement, engage the services of a mediator in an effort to resolve the grievance and may extend the time limits for the request for arbitration. The parties will share equally the fees and expenses, if any, of the mediator.

**7.08** It is understood and agreed that the Union has carriage of all grievances throughout the grievance and arbitration procedure and not any individual or group of individuals. All agreements reached under the grievance procedure between the representatives of the Hospital and the representatives of the Association will be final and binding upon the Hospital and the Association and the nurses.

**7.09** Association grievances shall be on the form set out in Appendix ■ -

**7.10** Where a difference arises between the parties relating to the interpretation, application or administration of this Agreement, including any questions as to whether a matter is **arbitrable**, or where an allegation is made that this Agreement has been violated, either of the parties may, after exhausting the grievance procedure established by this Agreement, notify the other party in writing of its decision to submit the difference or allegation to arbitration. Where the grievance concerns:

- i) Selection decisions on job vacancies
- ii) Premiums
- iii) Scheduling issues
- iv) Article 19 – Compensation issues
- v) Entitlement to leaves, including vacation
- vi) Discipline up to, but not including discharge
- vii) Short term layoffs
- viii) Dues issues
- ix) Any other issues agreed by the parties

The matter shall be determined by a sole arbitrator, unless the parties agree to proceed under Article 7.11. The sole arbitrator shall proceed by way of mediation-arbitration at the request of either party. When either party requests that any such matter be submitted to mediation-arbitration or to arbitration as provided above, it shall make such request in writing addressed to the other party to this Agreement and, at the same time, it shall propose the name of a sole arbitrator. Within seven (7) calendar days thereafter, the other party shall agree in writing or propose an alternate name(s). If there is no agreement within fourteen (14) calendar days, the



Minister of Labour for the Province of Ontario shall have the power to effect such appointment upon application thereto by the party invoking the arbitration procedure. No person may be appointed as an arbitrator who has been involved in an attempt to negotiate or settle the grievance.

Subject to Article 7.13, once appointed, the sole arbitrator shall have all powers as set out in Section 50 of the Labour *Relations Act*, including the power to mediate/arbitrate the grievance, to impose a settlement and to limit evidence and submissions.

- 7.11 For all other grievances, including those grievances dealing with nursing practice issues and those agreed to be central rights issues, the matter shall be determined by a three (3) person Board of Arbitration, unless the parties agree to proceed under Article 7.10. The party requesting arbitration shall, at the time of notification of its decision to submit the difference or allegation to arbitration shall name a nominee. Within seven (7) calendar days thereafter the other party shall name a nominee. However, if such party fails to name a nominee as herein required, the Minister of Labour for the Province of Ontario shall have the power to effect such appointment upon application by the party invoking the arbitration procedure. The two (2) nominees, or the parties, if they have agreed not to utilize nominees shall attempt to select by agreement a chair of the arbitration board. If they are unable to agree upon such a chair within a period of fourteen (14) calendar days they shall then request the Minister of Labour for the province of Ontario to appoint a chair. No person may be appointed as an arbitrator who has been involved in an attempt to negotiate or settle the grievance.

Subject to Article 7.13, once appointed, the Board of Arbitration shall have all powers as set out in Section 50 of the Labour *Relations Act*, including the power to mediate/arbitrate the grievance, to impose a settlement and to limit evidence and submissions.

- 7.12 No matter may be submitted to arbitration, which has not been properly carried through all requisite steps of the Grievance Procedure.
- 7.13 The Arbitration Board shall not be authorized to make any decision inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement, nor to alter, modify, add to or amend any part of this Agreement.
- 7.14 The proceedings of the Arbitration Board will be expedited by the parties hereto and the decision of the majority and where there is no majority the decision of the chair will be final and binding upon the parties hereto and the nurse or nurses concerned.
- 7.15 Each of the parties hereto will bear the expense of the nominee appointed by it and the parties will share equally the fees and expenses, if any, of the chair of the Arbitration Board.

- 7.16 The time limits set out in the Grievance and Arbitration Procedures herein are mandatory and failure to comply strictly with such time limits except by the written agreement of the parties, shall result in the grievance being deemed to have been abandoned subject only to the provisions of Section 48(16) of *The Labour Relations Act*.
- 7.17 In order to promote the principles of a collaborative approach to resolving grievances in a timely effective manner, the Association and the Participating Hospitals agree to jointly develop education sessions designed to assist the Local parties.

## 8 - PR RESPONSIBILITY

(Article 8.01 applies to employees covered by an Ontario College under the *Regulated Health Professions Act* only.)

- 8.01 The parties agree that patient care is enhanced if concerns relating to professional practice, patient acuity, fluctuating workloads and fluctuating staffing are resolved in a timely and effective manner.

In the event that the Hospital assigns a number of patients or a workload to an individual nurse or group of nurses such that they have cause to believe that they are being asked to perform more work than is consistent with proper patient care, they shall:

- (a) i) At the time the workload issue occurs, discuss the issue within the unit/program to develop strategies to meet patient care needs using current resources.
- ii) If necessary, using established lines of communication, seek immediate assistance from an individual(s) identified by the Hospital (who could be within the bargaining unit) who has responsibility for timely resolution of workload issues.
- iii) Failing resolution of the workload issue at the time of occurrence, the nurse(s) will discuss the issue with her or his Manager or designate on the manager's or designate's next working day.
- iv) Complain in writing to the Association-Hospital Committee within fifteen (15) calendar days of the alleged improper assignment. The Chair of the Association-Hospital Committee shall convene a meeting of the Association-Hospital Committee within ten (10) calendar days of the filing of the complaint.

The Committee shall hear and attempt to resolve the complaint to the satisfaction of both parties.

(Article 8.01(a) (v),(vi), (vii) and (viii) and 8.01(b) applies to nurses only)

- v) Failing resolution of the complaint within fifteen (15) calendar days of the meeting of the Association-Hospital Committee the complaint shall be forwarded to an independent Assessment Committee composed of three (3) registered nurses; one chosen by the Ontario Nurses' Association, one chosen by the Hospital and one chosen from a panel of independent registered nurses who are well respected within the profession. The member of the Committee chosen from the panel of independent registered nurses shall act as Chair.
  - vi) The Assessment Committee shall set a date to conduct a hearing into the complaint within fourteen (14) calendar days of its appointment and shall be empowered to investigate as is necessary and make what findings as are appropriate in the circumstances. The Assessment Committee shall report its findings, in writing, to the parties within thirty (30) calendar days following completion of its hearing.
  - vii) It is understood and agreed that representatives of the Ontario Nurses' Association, including the Labour Relations Officer(s), may attend meetings held between the Hospital and the Association under this provision.
  - viii) Any complaint lodged under this provision shall be on the form set out in Appendix 6.
- (b) i) The list of Assessment Committee Chairs is attached as Appendix 2. During the term of this Agreement, the central parties shall meet as necessary to review and amend by agreement the list of chairs of Professional Responsibility Assessment Committees.

The parties agree that should a Chair be required, the Ontario Hospital Association and the Ontario Nurses' Association will be contacted. They will provide the name of the person to be utilized on the alphabetical listing of Chairs. The name to be provided will be the top name on the list of Chairs who has not been previously assigned.

Should the Chair who is scheduled to serve decline when requested, or it becomes obvious that she or he would not be suitable due to connections with the Hospital or community, the next person on the list will be approached to act as Chair.

- ii) Each party will bear the cost of its own nominee and will share equally the fee of the Chair and whatever other expenses are incurred by the Assessment Committee in the performance of its responsibilities as set out herein.

**8.02** The delegation of Controlled Acts shall be in accordance with the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, Medical Directives, and related statutes and regulations and in accordance with guidelines established by the College of Nurses of Ontario from time to time, and any hospital policy related thereto, provided that if the Association is of the opinion that such delegation would be inimical to proper patient care, the Association may refer the issue to the Association Hospital Committee.

Note: Where an employee is in a position other than in a registered nursing position with duties and responsibilities which are subject to the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, he or she shall be treated in a manner consistent with this Article.

## ARTICLE 9 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### **9.01** Preamble

Continuous professional development is a hallmark of professional nursing practice. As a self-regulating profession, nursing recognizes the importance of ongoing learning and the maintenance of competence in a dynamic practice environment. The parties agree that professional development includes a diverse range of activities, including but not limited to formal academic programs; short-term continuing education activities; certification programs; independent learning and committee participation. The parties recognize their joint responsibility in and commitment to active participation in the area of professional development.

### **9.02** Committee

- a) There shall be a committee to address the planning of professional development initiatives for nurses. This committee shall include representatives of the Hospital, one of whom shall be the Chief Nursing Officer or designate and another, a Human Resources representative; and of the Association, one of whom shall be the Bargaining Unit

President or designate. The number of representatives is set ~~out~~ in the Appendix of Local Provisions. The membership of the Committee may be adjusted by mutual agreement, **but** at least fifty (50%) percent will be Association members. The Hospital agrees to pay for time spent during regular working hours for representatives of the Association attending such meetings, and will provide replacement staff where needed for such absences.

- b) The parties agree that the following key principles will provide direction for the committee functioning:
  - i) Professional development will be recognized;
  - ii) **All** nurses will have equal access to professional development opportunities;
  - iii) **Responsibilities** for professional development will be shared between the individual and the Hospital.
  
- c) The purpose ~~of~~ the committee is to assist the Hospital in promoting a practice environment that supports continuous learning and enhances opportunities for career development through:
  - i) Reviewing annually the organization's strategic directions and priorities which impact on nursing competencies and, through the Chief Nursing Officer, provide recommendations **with** respect to professional development initiatives in the development of the Hospital Operating Plan;
  - ii) Reviewing the demographics of the nursing complement;
  - iii) Developing guidelines for the development, implementation and evaluation of professional development initiatives;
  - iv) Developing means to promote equal access to professional development opportunities including, but not limited to programs (such as conferences, seminars and workshops), funding, scheduling, **leaves**, and mentoring roles;
  - v) Reviewing and making recommendations regarding professional development initiatives, including but not limited to mentorship and internship where such arrangements exist;
  - vi) Reviewing and making recommendations regarding the existing nursing continuing education programs; and

- vii) Developing and implementing an ongoing communication plan to advise nurses about the work of this committee.

### 9.03 Orientation and In-service Program

The Hospital recognizes the need for a Hospital Orientation Program of such duration as it may deem appropriate taking into consideration the needs of the Hospital and the nurses involved.

- 9.04 (a) Before assigning a newly hired full-time nurse in charge of a nursing unit, the Hospital will first provide orientation both to the Hospital and to such nursing unit. It is understood that such nurse may be assigned to any tour as part of the nurse's orientation program, providing such assignment is in accordance with any scheduling regulations or objectives contained in the Appendix of **Local** Provisions which forms part of this Collective Agreement.
- (b) Before assigning a newly hired part-time nurse in charge of a nursing unit, the Hospital will first provide orientation, in accordance with Article 9.03, both to the Hospital and to such nursing unit. It is understood that such nurse may be assigned to any tour as part of the nurse's orientation program, providing such assignment is in accordance with any scheduling regulations or objectives contained in the Appendix of **Local** Provisions which forms part of this Collective Agreement.
- 9.05 Nurses who displace other nurses in the event of a long-term layoff, nurses recalled from layoff, nurses whose probationary period has been extended under Article 10.01, and nurses who are transferred on a permanent basis may be provided any orientation determined necessary by the Hospital for the purposes of allowing the nurse to assume satisfactorily the duties of such position. A request by such a nurse for orientation shall not be unreasonably denied.
- 9.06 Both the Hospital and the Association recognize their joint responsibility and commitment to provide, and to participate in, in-service education. The Association supports the principle of its members' responsibility for their own professional development and the Hospital will endeavour to provide programs related to the requirements of the Hospital. Available programs will be publicized, and the Hospital will endeavour to provide nurses with opportunities to attend such programs during their regularly scheduled working hours.
- 9.07 When a nurse is on duty and authorized to attend any in-service program within the Hospital and during her or his regularly scheduled working hours the nurse shall suffer no loss of regular pay. When a nurse is required by the Hospital to attend courses outside of her or his regularly scheduled working hours, the nurse shall be paid for all time spent in attendance on such courses at her or his regular straight time hourly rate of pay.

- 9.08
- a) Nurses may be required, as part of their regular duties, to supervise activities of students in accordance with the current College of Nurses of Ontario **Accountability Standards for RN's and RPN's Working with Students**. Nurses will be informed in writing of their responsibilities in relation to these students. Any information that is provided to the Hospital by the educational institution with respect to the skill level of the students will be made available to the nurses recruited to supervise the students.
  - b) Nurses are expected, as part of their regular duties, to provide guidance and advice to members of the health care team.
  - c) Nurses may, from time to time, be assigned a formal mentorship role for a designated nurse. Mentorship is a formal supportive relationship between two nurses, which results in the professional growth and development of an individual practitioner to maximize her or his clinical practice. The relationship is time limited and focused on goal achievement. Orientation to the organization or general functioning of the unit does not constitute mentorship.

After consultation with the nurse being mentored, the **Hospital** will identify the experiences required to meet her or his learning needs, and will determine the duration of the mentorship assignment and expectations of the mentor.

The Hospital will provide, on a regular basis, all nurses with an opportunity to indicate their interest in assuming a mentorship role, through a mechanism determined by the local parties. The Hospital selects and assigns the mentor for a given mentoring relationship. At the request of any nurse, the Hospital will **discuss** with any unsuccessful applicant ways in which she or he may be successful for future opportunities.

The Hospital will review the workload of the mentor and the nurse being mentored to facilitate successful completion of the mentoring assignment.

The Hospital will pay the nurse for this assigned additional responsibility a premium of sixty (**60¢**) cents per hour, in addition to her or his regular salary and applicable premium allowance.

9.09

Internships:

The Hospital may establish internships for the purpose of meeting future projected nursing shortages. In such circumstances, the implementation and guidelines of such an arrangement will be determined locally by the Hospital and the Union subject to the following:

Internships are designed to develop the Hospital's staff in order to fill positions for which there are currently no qualified internal candidates and/or for which shortages are predicted within a five (5) year period. Internships enable hospitals to maximize the use of qualified internal staff to meet their

human resources needs, while at the same time providing career development opportunities for their employees.

To provide direction to the local parties in developing and implementing (an) internship(s) the Ontario Nurses' Association and Participating Hospitals have agreed to the following principles:

- i) The Hospital will establish the expectations for each internship opportunity;
- ii) There will be an open application process for internship opportunities;
- iii) The opportunities will be open to currently employed nurses who can demonstrate continuous learning, and a commitment to the Hospital;
- iv) Nurses who are selected for internship opportunities will commit to continued employment on a mutually determined basis;
- v) Initiatives to support selected candidates may include but are not limited to:
  - No loss of regular wages while attending a requisite course
  - Paid course fees
  - Paid time for clinical practicums in the Hospital or another clinical site
  - Any other initiatives, as agreed.

- 9.10** The Hospital undertakes to notify the Association in advance, so far as practicable, of any technological changes which the Hospital has decided to introduce which will significantly change the status of the nurse within the bargaining unit.

The Hospital agrees to discuss with the Association the effect of such technological changes on the employment status of the nurses and to consider practical ways and means of minimizing the adverse effect, if any, on the nurses concerned.

Nurses who are subject to layoff due to technological change will then be given notice of such layoff at the earliest reasonable time and in keeping with the requirements of the applicable legislation and the provisions of Article 10.07 will apply.

- 9.11** Where computers are introduced into the workplace and nurses are required to utilize those computers in the course of their duties, the Hospital agrees that necessary computer training will be provided at no cost to the nurses involved.



- 9.12 A copy of any completed evaluation which is to be placed in a nurse's file shall be first reviewed with the nurse. The nurse shall initial such evaluation as having been read and shall have the opportunity to add her or his views to such evaluation prior to it being placed in her or his file. It is understood that such evaluations do not constitute disciplinary action by the Hospital against the nurse.

Each nurse shall have reasonable access to all her or his files for the purpose of reviewing their contents in the presence of her or his supervisor. A copy of the evaluation will be provided to the nurse at her or his request.

No document shall be used against a nurse where it has not been brought to her or his attention in a timely manner.

- 9.13 Any letter of reprimand, suspension or other sanction will be removed from the record of a nurse eighteen (18) months following the receipt of such letter, suspension or other sanction provided that such nurse's record has been discipline free for one year.

- 9.14 The Peer Feedback Process of the Quality Assurance Program Required by the College of Nurses of Ontario

The above referenced Peer Feedback is confidential information which the nurse is expected to obtain, by requesting feedback from peer(s) of her or his choice, for the sole purpose of meeting the requirements of the Quality Assurance Program required by the College of Nurses of Ontario. The parties recognize the importance of supporting the confidential nature of the Peer Feedback component of the Quality Assurance Program.

## ARTICLE 10 - SENIORITY

- 10.01 (a) Newly hired nurses shall be considered to be on probation for a period of seventy (70) tours worked from date of last hire (525 hours of work for nurses whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day). If retained after the probationary period, the full-time nurse shall be credited with seniority from date of last hire and the part-time nurse shall be credited with seniority for the seventy (70) tours (525 hours) worked. With the written consent of the Hospital, the probationary nurse and the Bargaining Unit President of the Local Association or designate, such probationary period may be extended. Where the Hospital requests an extension of the probationary period, it will provide notice to the Association at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the expected date of expiration of the initial probationary period. It is understood and agreed that any extension to the probationary period will not exceed an additional sixty (60) tours (450 hours) worked and, where requested, the Hospital will advise the

nurse and the Association of the basis of such extension with recommendations for the nurse's professional development.

- (b) A nurse who transfers from casual or regular part-time to full-time status shall not be required to serve a probationary period where such nurse has previously completed one since her or his date of last hire. Where no such probationary period has been served, the number of tours worked (hours worked for nurses whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day) during the nine months immediately preceding the transfer shall be credited towards the probationary period.
- (c) A nurse who transfers from casual part-time or full-time to regular part-time status shall not be required to serve a probationary period where such nurse has previously completed one since her or his date of last hire. Where no such probationary period has been served, the number of tours worked (hours worked for nurses whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day) during the nine (9) months immediately preceding the transfer shall be credited towards the probationary period.

## 10.02

- (a) A seniority list shall be established for all full-time nurses covered by this Agreement who have completed their probationary period. For information purposes only, the names of all full-time probationary nurses shall be included in the seniority list.
- (b) A seniority list shall be established for all regular part-time nurses covered by this Agreement who have completed their probationary period. For information purposes only, the names of all regular part-time probationary nurses shall be included in the seniority list. Seniority on such lists will be expressed in terms of total hours worked.
- (c) A seniority list shall be maintained for casual part-time nurses for the purposes of Article 10.06 only. Seniority on such lists will be expressed in terms of total hours worked, and shall be established on the following basis:
  - i) At hospitals where casual nurses had seniority under the provisions of a Collective Agreement prior to October 23, 1981, such seniority shall continue with accumulation of hours worked since October 23, 1981.
  - ii) At hospitals where there was no such seniority, the seniority list in 10.02 (c) shall show accumulation of hours worked since October 23, 1981.

Articles 10.02(c)(i) and (ii) apply to nurses only.

- iii) Subsequently certified Hospitals shall establish dates for the commencement of the accumulation of seniority by local negotiations in accordance with the terms of the Memorandum of Conditions for Joint Bargaining.
- (d) A copy of the current seniority list will be filed with the Bargaining Unit President of the Local Association, or designate, on request but not more frequently than once every six (6) months at a time to be determined locally. A copy of the seniority list shall **also** be posted at the same time.

**10.03** A nurse's full seniority and service shall be retained by the nurse in the event that the nurse is transferred from full-time to part-time or in the event the nurse is transferred from casual to regular part-time or vice-versa. A nurse whose status is changed from full-time to part time shall receive credit for her or his full seniority and service on the basis of 1500 hours worked for each year of full-time seniority or service. A nurse whose status is changed from part-time to full-time shall receive credit for her or his full seniority and **service** on the basis of one year of seniority or service for each 1500 hours worked. Any time worked in excess of an equivalent shall be pro-rated at the time of transfer.

**10.04** (Article 10.04 and Note 1 following Article 10.04 apply to full-time nurses only; Note 2 provides that the accrual of seniority and service on pregnancy and parental leave also applies to part time nurses; Note 3 provides that the clause (including the notes) must be interpreted in a manner consistent with the *Ontario Human Rights Code* and the *Employment Standards Act*).

If a nurse's absence without pay from the Hospital including absences under Article 11, Leaves of Absence, exceeds thirty (30) continuous calendar days the nurse will not accumulate seniority or service for any purposes under the Collective Agreement for the period of the absence in excess of thirty (30) continuous calendar days unless otherwise provided and the nurse will become responsible for full payment of any subsidized employee benefits in which she or he is entitled to participate during the period of absence. In the case of unpaid approved leaves of absence in excess of thirty (30) continuous calendar days a nurse may arrange with the Hospital to prepay the full premium of any applicable subsidized benefits during the period of leave in excess of thirty (30) continuous calendar days to ensure continuing coverage. In circumstances where a full-time nurse is on an unpaid leave of absence in excess of thirty (30) calendar days and voluntarily works occasional tour(s) during the leave period, the nurse shall be deemed to have continued on unpaid leave.

Notwithstanding this provision, seniority shall accrue if a nurse's absence is due to disability resulting in W.S.I.B. benefits or L.T.D. benefits including the period of the disability program covered by Employment Insurance.

Notwithstanding this provision, seniority and service will accrue and the Hospital will continue to pay the premiums for benefit plans for nurses for a period of up to seventeen (17) weeks while a nurse is on pregnancy leave under Article 11.07 and for a period of up to eighteen (18) weeks while a nurse is on parental leave under Article 11.08. Seniority and service will accrue for an adoptive parent or a natural father for a period of up to thirty-five (35) weeks while such nurse is on a parental leave under Article 11.08.

NOTE 1: Nurses presently enjoying the accumulation of seniority for greater periods shall continue to receive such seniority benefits while employed by the Hospital.

NOTE 2: The accrual of seniority and service for nurses on pregnancy and parental leave applies to both full-time and part-time nurses.

NOTE 3: This clause shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the **Ontario Human Rights Code** and the **Employment Standards Act**.

10.05 A full-time or regular part-time nurse shall lose all service and seniority and shall be deemed to have terminated if the nurse:

- (a) leaves of her or his own accord;
- (b) is discharged and the discharge is not reversed through the grievance or arbitration procedure;
- (c) has been laid off for twenty-four (24) calendar months;
- (d) refuses to continue to work or return to work during an emergency which seriously affects the Hospital's ability to provide adequate patient care, unless a satisfactory reason is given to the Hospital;
- (e) is absent from scheduled work for a period of three (3) or more consecutive working days without notifying the Hospital of such absence and providing a satisfactory reason to the Hospital;
- (9) fails to return to work (subject to the provisions of 10.05 (e)) upon termination of an authorized leave of absence without satisfactory reason or utilizes a leave of absence for purposes other than that for which the leave was granted;

- (g) fails upon being notified of a recall to signify her or his intention to return within twenty (20) calendar days after she or he has received the notice of recall mailed by registered mail to the last known address according to the records of the Hospital and fails to report to work within thirty (30) calendar days after she or he has received the notice of recall or such further period of time as may be agreed upon by the parties;
- (h) is absent from work due to illness or disability for a period of thirty (30) months from the time such absence commenced.

**NOTE:** This clause shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.

- 10.06
- (a) i) Where a permanent full-time vacancy occurs in a classification within the bargaining unit or a new full-time position within the bargaining unit is established by the Hospital, such vacancy shall be posted for a period of seven (7) consecutive calendar days. Nurses in this bargaining unit and nurses in another ONA bargaining unit at the Hospital, if any, may make written application for such vacancy within the seven (7) day period referred to herein. Subsequent vacancies created by the filling of a posted vacancy are to be posted for seven (7) consecutive calendar days.
  - ii) Where a permanent regular part-time vacancy occurs in a classification within the bargaining unit or a new regular part-time position within the bargaining unit is established by the Hospital, such vacancy shall be posted for a period of seven (7) consecutive calendar days. Nurses in this bargaining unit and nurses in another ONA bargaining unit at the Hospital, if any, may make written application for such vacancy within the seven (7) day period referred to herein. Subsequent vacancies created by the filling of a posted vacancy are to be posted for seven (7) consecutive calendar days.
  - iii) A copy of all job postings will be provided to the local Association at the time of posting.
  - iv) The job posting provisions take precedence over any recall rights that employees may have under this agreement, unless otherwise provided herein.

Where a full-time employee on layoff is the successful candidate for a vacant part-time position, she or he shall retain recall rights to her or his former position in the full-time bargaining unit for a period of ~~six~~ months from the date of her

or his layoff. This shall also apply to a part-time employee on layoff who is the successful candidate for a vacant full-time position. In these circumstances, the job posting provisions will not apply.

- (b) A nurse may make a written request for transfer by advising the Hospital and filing a Request for Transfer form indicating her or his name, qualifications, experience, present area of assignment, seniority and requested area of assignment. A Request for Transfer shall become active as of the date it is received by the Hospital and shall remain so until December 31 following. Such requests will be considered as applications for posted vacancies and subsequent vacancies created by the filling of a posted vacancy.

A list of vacancies filled in the preceding month under Articles 10.06 (a) and (b), and the names of the successful applicants, will be posted, with a copy provided to the Association. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified.

At the request of the nurse, the Hospital will discuss with unsuccessful applicants ways in which they can improve their qualifications for future postings.

- (c) Nurses shall be selected for positions under either 10.06 (a) or (b) on the basis of their skill, ability, experience and qualifications. Where these factors are relatively equal amongst the nurses considered, seniority shall govern providing the successful applicant, if any, is qualified to perform the available work within an appropriate familiarization period. Where seniority governs, the most senior applicant, regardless of her or his ONA bargaining unit, will be selected. Where the applicant has been selected in accordance with this Article and it is subsequently determined that she or he cannot satisfactorily perform the job to which she or he was promoted, the Hospital will attempt, during the first sixty (60) tours (450 hours for nurses whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day) worked from the date on which the nurse was first assigned to the vacancy, to return the nurse to her or his former job, and the filling of the subsequent vacancies will likewise be reversed. Notwithstanding the level of entry to practice (baccalaureate degree in nursing) which will become effective in 2005, the Hospital will not establish qualifications, or identify them in job postings, in an arbitrary or unreasonable manner.
- (d) Vacancies which are not expected to exceed sixty (60) calendar days and vacancies caused due to illness, accident, leaves of absence (including pregnancy and parental) may be filled at the discretion of the Hospital. In filling such vacancies consideration shall be given to

regular part-time nurses in the bargaining unit on the basis of seniority who are qualified to perform the work in question. If the temporary vacancy is not filled by a regular part-time nurse, consideration will be given to casual part-time nurses in the bargaining unit on the basis of seniority who are qualified to perform the work in question, prior to utilizing non-bargaining unit nurses supplied by an agency or registry.

It is understood, however, that where such vacancies occur on short notice, failure to offer part-time nurses such work shall not result in any claim for pay for time not worked while proper arrangements are made to fill the vacancy. Where part-time nurses fill temporary full-time vacancies, such nurses shall be considered regular part-time and shall be covered by the terms of the part-time collective agreement. Upon completion of the temporary vacancy, such nurse shall be reinstated to her or his former position unless the position has been discontinued, in which case the nurse shall be given a comparable job. Where the Local parties agree, full-time nurses may be considered for temporary full-time vacancies on the same basis as regular part-time nurses.

- (e) The Hospital shall have the right to fill any permanent vacancy on a temporary basis until the posting procedure or the Request for Transfer procedure provided herein has been complied with and arrangements have been made to permit the nurse selected to fill the vacancy to be assigned to the job.
- (9) A nurse selected as a result of a posted vacancy or a Request for Transfer need not be considered for a further permanent vacancy for a period of up to six (6) months from the date of her or his selection.
- (g) Where nurses are reassigned to meet patient care needs at the hospital, they will be reassigned to units or areas where they are qualified to perform the available work.

#### 10.07

- (a) A "Layoff" shall include a reduction in a nurse's hours of work and cancellation of all or part of a nurse's scheduled shift.

Cancellation of single or partial shifts will be on the basis of seniority of the nurses on the unit on that shift unless agreed otherwise by the Hospital and the Association in local negotiations.

A partial or single shift reassignment of a nurse from her or his area of assignment will not be considered a layoff. The parties agree that the manner in which such reassignments are made will be determined by local negotiations.

- (b) A "short-term layoff" shall mean
- i) a layoff resulting from a planned temporary closure of any part of the Hospital's facilities during all or part of the months of July and August (a "summer shutdown") or during the period between December 15th and January 15th inclusive (a "Christmas shutdown"); or
  - ii) a layoff resulting from a planned temporary closure, not anticipated to exceed six months in length, of any part of the Hospital's facilities for the purpose of construction or renovation; or
  - iii) any other temporary layoff which is not anticipated to exceed three months in length.
- (c) A "long-term layoff" shall mean any layoff which is not a short-term layoff.
- (d) The Hospital shall provide the local Association with no less than 30 calendar days' notice of a short term layoff. Notice shall not be required in the case of a cancellation of all or part of a single scheduled shift, provided that Article 14.12 has been complied with. In giving such notice, the Hospital will indicate to the local Association the reasons causing the layoff and the anticipated duration of the layoff, and will identify the nurses likely to be affected. If requested, the Hospital will meet with the local Association to review the effect on nurses in the bargaining unit.
- (e) Notice

In the event of a proposed layoff at the Hospital of a permanent or long-term nature or the elimination of a position within the bargaining unit, the Hospital shall:

- i) provide the Union with no less than four (4) months written notice of the proposed layoff or elimination of position; and
- ii) provide to the affected employee(s), if any, no less than three (3) months written notice of layoff, or pay in lieu thereof.

Note: Where a proposed layoff results in the subsequent displacement of any member(s) of the bargaining unit, the original notice to the Union provided in (i) above shall be considered notice to the Union of any subsequent layoff.

The Hospital shall meet with the local Association to review the following:



- i) the reasons causing the layoff;
- ii) the service which the Hospital will undertake **after** the layoff;
- iii) the method of implementation including the areas of cut-back and the nurses to be laid off; and
- iv) any limits which ~~the~~ parties may agree ~~on~~ the number of nurses who may be newly assigned to a unit or area.

10.08

- (1) In the event of a layoff, nurses shall be laid off in the reverse order of **seniority** provided that the nurses who are entitled to remain on the basis of seniority are qualified to perform the available work. Subject to the foregoing, probationary nurses shall be first laid off.
- (2) Nurses shall have the following entitlements in the event of a layoff;
  - (a) A nurse who has been notified of a short-term layoff may:
    - i) accept the layoff; or
    - ii) opt to retire ~~if~~ eligible under the **terms** of the Hospital's pension plan as outlined in Article 17.04; or
    - iii) elect to **transfer** to a vacant position, provided **she** or **he** is qualified to perform the available work; or
    - iv) displace the least senior nurse in the bargaining unit whose work she or he is qualified to perform.
  - (b) A nurse who has been notified of a long-term layoff may
    - i) accept the layoff; or
    - ii) opt to retire if eligible under the **terms** of the Hospital's pension plan as outlined in Article 17.04; or
    - iii) elect to transfer to a vacant position provided that she or he is qualified to perform the available work; or
    - iv) displace another nurse in any classification who has lesser bargaining unit seniority and who is the least senior nurse on a unit or area whose work the nurse subject to layoff is qualified to perform.

- (c) In all cases of layoff:
- i) Any agreement between the Hospital and the Association concerning the method of implementation of a layoff shall take precedence over the terms of this article. The unavailability of a representative of the Association shall not delay any meeting regarding layoffs or staff reductions.
  - ii) Where a vacancy occurs in a position following a layoff hereunder as a result of which a nurse has been transferred to another position, the affected nurse will be offered the opportunity to return to her or his former position providing such vacancy occurs within six (6) months of the date of layoff. Where the nurse returns to her or his former position there shall be no obligation to consider the vacancy under Article 10.06. Where the nurse refuses the opportunity to return to her or his former position the nurse shall advise the Hospital in writing.
  - iii) No reduction in the hours of work shall take place to prevent or reduce the impact of a layoff without the consent of the Association.
  - iv) All regular part-time and full-time nurses represented by the Association who are on layoff will be given a job opportunity in the full-time and regular part-time categories before any new nurse is hired into either category.
  - v) Full-time and part-time layoff and recall rights shall be separate.
  - vi) Casual part-time nurses shall not be utilized while full-time or regular part-time nurses remain on layoff, unless the provisions of Article 10.09 have been complied with or unless the matter is covered by local scheduling.
  - vii) No new nurses shall be hired until all those nurses who retain the right to be recalled have been given an opportunity to return to work.
  - viii) In this Article (10.08), a "vacant position" shall mean a position for which the posting process has been completed and no successful applicant has been appointed.

ix) The option to “ accept a layoff “ as provided in this Article includes the right of an employee to absent her or himself from the workplace.

- (3) (a) Where there are vacant positions available under Article 10, but the nurse is not qualified to perform the available work, and if such nurse is not able to displace another nurse under Article 10, the nurse will be provided with the necessary training up to twelve (12) weeks' training to enable the nurse to become qualified for one of the vacant positions. In determining the position for which training will be provided the Hospital shall take account of the nurse's stated preference.
- (b) When nurses would otherwise be recalled pursuant to Article 10 but none of the nurses on the recall list are qualified to perform the available work the Hospital will provide necessary training up to twelve (12) weeks to nurses, in order of seniority, to enable them to become qualified to perform the available work.
- (c) Where a nurse receives training under this provision, she or he need not be considered for any further vacancies for a period of ~~six~~ (6) months from the date she or he is placed in the position.

#### 10.09

Full-time and regular part-time nurses shall be recalled in the order of seniority unless otherwise agreed between the Hospital and the local Association, subject to the following provisions, provided that a nurse recalled is qualified to perform the available work:

- (a) Full-time and regular part-time nurses on layoff may notify the Hospital of their interest in accepting occasional vacancies and/or temporary vacancies which may arise and for which they are qualified. Such notification of interest shall state any restrictions on the type of assignment which a nurse is willing to accept, and shall remain valid for six weeks. However if a nurse declines an occasional or temporary vacancy the Hospital shall not be obliged to call upon the nurse again during the balance of such six-week period.
- (b) For the purposes of this article, an "occasional vacancy" shall mean an assignment which is anticipated not to exceed five shifts (37.5 hours). Occasional vacancies shall be offered first to regular part-time nurses on layoff who have expressed interest, and if no such part-time nurse accepts then to full-time nurses on layoff who have

expressed interest, and if no such full-time nurse accepts then to casual part-time nurses.

- (c) For the purposes of this article, a "temporary vacancy" shall mean an assignment which is anticipated to exceed five shifts (37.5 hours). Temporary vacancies which arise in the full-time bargaining unit shall be offered by seniority first to full-time nurses on layoff who have expressed interest, and if no such full-time nurse accepts then by seniority to regular part-time nurses on layoff who have expressed interest, and if no such part-time nurse accepts then to casual part-time nurses. Temporary vacancies which arise in the part-time unit shall be offered by seniority first to regular part-time nurses on layoff who have expressed interest, and if no such part-time nurse accepts then by seniority to full-time nurses on layoff who have expressed interest, and if no such full-time nurse accepts then to casual part-time nurses.
- (d) A nurse to whom an occasional or temporary vacancy is offered may accept or decline such vacancy and in either case shall maintain her or his position on the recall list.

The acceptance of a temporary vacancy that is anticipated to exceed sixty (60) calendar days shall be considered a recall from layoff for purposes of Article ~~10.05(c)~~. No new notice of layoff will be required and the nurse will be deemed to be laid off at the conclusion of the temporary vacancy.

A full-time nurse ~~on~~ layoff who accepts a temporary full-time vacancy within thirty (30)-days of the effective day of layoff will continue to receive benefit coverage for the duration of the temporary vacancy.

A full-time nurse who has worked for more than 600 hours in 140 calendar days as the result of accepting one or more temporary vacancies shall thereafter be eligible for benefit coverage as a **full-time** nurse and shall be paid accordingly, and shall continue to receive benefit coverage so long as she or he continues to fill a temporary vacancy and such full-time employee shall **accrue** seniority in the manner prescribed for full-time employees throughout the period of employment.

Otherwise, a full-time employee who accepts a temporary or occasional vacancy shall be paid her or his regular full-time rate of pay together with a percentage payment in lieu of benefits at the rate specified for part-time nurses.

A full-time employee who accepts a temporary part-time vacancy or occasional vacancies as provided herein will accrue seniority

throughout the period of such employment in the manner prescribed for part-time nurses.

A part-time employee who accepts a temporary or occasional vacancy will accrue seniority throughout the period of such employment in the manner prescribed for part-time nurses.

#### 10.10

- (a) A nurse who is transferred to a position outside of the bargaining unit for a period of not more than three (3) months, or is seconded to teach for an academic year shall not suffer any loss of seniority, service or benefits.

A nurse who is transferred to a position outside of the bargaining unit for a period of more than three (3) months, but not more than one (1) year shall retain, but not accumulate, her or his seniority held at the time of the transfer. In the event the nurse is returned to a position in the bargaining unit, she or he shall be credited with seniority held at the time of transfer and resume accumulation from the date of her or his return to the bargaining unit.

A nurse must remain in the bargaining unit for a period of at least three (3) months before transferring out of the bargaining unit again or she or he will lose all seniority held at the time of the subsequent transfer.

- (b) In the event that a nurse is transferred to a position outside of the bargaining unit for a period in excess of one (1) year, she or he will lose all seniority held at the time of transfer. In the event the nurse is returned to a position in the bargaining unit, the nurse's seniority will accrue from the date of her or his return to the bargaining unit.
- (c) It is understood and agreed that a nurse may decline such offer to transfer and that the period of time referred to above may be extended by agreement of the parties.

#### 10.11

- (a) Nurses who are in supervisory positions excluded from the bargaining unit shall not perform duties normally performed by nurses in the bargaining unit which shall directly cause or result in the layoff, loss of seniority or service or reduction in benefits to nurses in the bargaining unit.

Nurses will be assigned duties and responsibilities in accordance with the *Regulated Health Professions Act* and other applicable statutes and regulations thereto. Hospitals will not assign such duties and responsibilities to employees not

covered by this agreement unless those duties and responsibilities are appropriate to the position occupied by the person to whom the duties and responsibilities are being assigned and are consistent with quality patient care.

Unless otherwise agreed by the Union and the Hospital, work performed by full-time nurses will not be assigned to part-time nurses for the purpose of eliminating full-time positions.

- (b) The Hospital shall not contract ~~out~~ the work of a bargaining unit nurse if, as a result ~~of such~~ contracting ~~out~~, any bargaining unit nurse other than a casual part-time nurse is laid off, displaced or loses hours of work or pay. Prior to contracting ~~out~~ any available work, the Hospital will first offer the work on the basis of seniority to regular part-time nurses in the bargaining unit. Contracting ~~out~~ to an employer who is organized and who will employ the employees of the bargaining unit who would otherwise be laid off, with similar terms and conditions of employment, is not a breach of this provision. This clause will not apply to the ad hoc use of agency or registry nurses for single shift coverage of vacancies due to illness or leaves of absence.

#### 10.12

~~In~~ the event of a rationalization or consolidation of any part of the services of the Hospital with those of another hospital or hospitals, the Hospital and the Association agree to implement the Guidelines for Employee Transfer Arrangements in Hospital Service Rationalization established by the Ontario Hospital Industry Labour Management Committee, to the extent possible within the terms ~~of~~ this collective agreement. In implementing the Guidelines the parties will be guided by the following:

- (a) the Hospital shall notify affected nurses and the Association as soon as a formal decision to rationalize is taken (ref Guidelines, paragraph 2);
- (b) the Hospital and the Association shall begin discussions concerning the specifics of the rationalization forthwith after a decision to rationalize is taken (ref: Guidelines, paragraph 3);
- (c) as soon as possible in the course ~~of~~ developing a plan for the implementation of the rationalization the Hospital shall notify affected nurses and the Association of the projected staffing needs, and their location, which are anticipated to result (ref: Guidelines, paragraph 6); notice to affected nurses and the Association shall include the estimated number and types of positions anticipated to be available,

and their location, as the result of the rationalization (ref Guidelines, paragraph 7);

- (d) if services in the Hospital are to be reduced or eliminated as the result of a rationalization, or if the employment of nurses is otherwise to be affected, the Hospital shall prepare a list of the affected nurses in order of seniority by jobs for which it considers such nurses are eligible. This list will be updated to reflect any changes due to employees leaving or entering the unit (ref: Guidelines, paragraph 7);
- (e) if a rationalization is anticipated to result in a loss of employment for nurses at another hospital by reason of the establishment of a new unit or the enlargement or extension of services at the Hospital:
  - i) in the period before a rationalization takes place, where a permanent vacancy occurs and has not been filled after Article 10.06 has been complied with, the vacancy shall be filled by the senior qualified employee of the other hospital who wishes to make an early transfer. A nurse taking such a position shall be treated as a transferring employee and not as a new hire (ref Guidelines, paragraph 5);
  - ii) when the rationalization takes place, and when nurses formerly employed by the other hospital or hospitals involved are transferred to the Hospital, such nurses shall maintain their seniority dates and shall be placed on seniority lists at the Hospital accordingly. Thereafter they shall exercise seniority rights in accordance with this agreement (ref: Guidelines, paragraph 13). Following implementation of the rationalization, no nurse who has been transferred to the Hospital shall suffer a reduction in wages. If the wage grid in effect at the Hospital does not correspond to the grid in effect at the hospital at which such nurses were formerly employed, nurses whose wages were not identical to a wage step on the Hospital's grid shall be moved to the next higher step. Where the transferring nurse's salary exceeds the range maximum, the nurse's salary will be maintained (ref Guidelines, paragraph 14);
  - iii) nurses who have been transferred to the Hospital shall be subject to the benefit plans of the Hospital in the manner provided under the collective agreement. The retention, modification or abandonment of superior conditions and the provisions of sick leave plans, to which nurses who have been transferred to the Hospital were formerly subject, shall be negotiated between the Association and the Hospital. Nurses who have been transferred to the Hospital shall retain their former level of vacation entitlement or shall be entitled to the

level provided by this agreement, whichever is the greater (ref Guidelines, paragraph 15);

- iv) Hours of work shall be those of the Hospital (ref: Guidelines, paragraph 16);
- v) A nurse who has been transferred to the Hospital and who has not completed her or his probationary period at the hospital where she or he was formerly employed shall receive credit for her service during such probationary period, and shall complete the balance of the probationary period required by this agreement. No new probationary period shall be served by a nurse who has been transferred to the Hospital (ref: Guidelines, paragraph 17).

10.13 (a) Local Human Resource Plans will apply to Health Services Restructuring Commission directives. In other circumstances, the balance of this Article will apply.

(b) Before issuing notice of long term layoff pursuant to Article 10.07(e)(ii), and following notice pursuant to Article 10.07(e)(i), the Hospital will make offers of early retirement allowance in accordance with the following conditions:

- i) The Hospital will first make offers in order of seniority on the unit(s) where layoffs would otherwise occur.
- ii) The Hospital will make offers to nurses eligible for early retirement under the Hospital pension plan (including regular part-time, if applicable, whether or not they participate in the hospital pension plan).
- iii) If no nurses on the unit affected accept the offer, the Hospital will then extend the offer to other nurses in the bargaining unit in order of seniority.
- iv) The number of early retirements the Hospital approves will not exceed the number of nurses who would otherwise be laid off.

A nurse who elects an early retirement option shall receive, following completion of the last day of work, a retirement allowance of ~~two~~ (2) weeks' salary for each year of service, to a maximum ceiling of fifty-two (52) weeks' salary.

(c) Where a nurse has received individual notice of long term layoff under Article 10.07 such nurse may resign and receive a separation allowance as follows:



- i) Where an employee resigns effective within thirty (30) days after receiving individual notice of long term layoff, she or he shall be entitled to a separation allowance of ~~two~~(2) weeks' salary for each year of continuous service to a maximum of sixteen (16) weeks' pay, and, on production of receipts from an approved educational program, within twelve (12) months of resignation will be reimbursed for tuition fees up to a maximum of three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars.
- ii) Where an employee resigns ~~effective~~ later than thirty (30) days after receiving individual notice of long term layoff, her or she shall be entitled to a separation allowance of four (4) weeks salary, and, on production of receipts from an approved educational program, within twelve (12) months of resignation will be reimbursed for tuition fees up to a maximum of one thousand ~~two~~ hundred and fifty (\$1,250.00) dollars.

10.14 The Hospital and the Association will utilize the ~~services~~ of HSTAP or such other labour adjustment service provider as the local parties may agree upon for purposes of a jobs registry and for counselling, adjustment, training and development services.

NOTE 1: In the bargaining units where full-time and part-time nurses are both employed, seniority lists and layoff and recall rights of part-time nurses shall be separate from full-time nurses.

NOTE 2: The seniority list referred to in Article 10.02 shall include any other information that is currently provided to the Association.

## ARTICLE 1 ■- LEAVES OF ABSENCE

11.01 Written requests for a personal leave of absence without pay will be ~~considered~~ on an individual basis by the Chief Nursing Officer, Supervisor or designate. Such requests are to be given as far in advance as possible and a written reply will be given within fourteen (14) days; except in cases of emergency in which case a reply will be given as soon as possible. Such leave shall not be unreasonably withheld.

### 11.02 Leave for Association Business

The Hospital agrees to grant leaves of absence, without pay, to nurses selected by the Association to attend Association business including ~~conferences~~, conventions and Provincial Committee meetings. The cumulative total leave of absence, the amount of notice, the number ~~of~~ nurses that may be absent at any one time and from any one area and the number of days is set ~~out~~ in the Appendix of Local Provisions. During such

leave of absence, a nurse's salary and applicable benefits or percentage in lieu of fringe benefits shall be maintained by the Hospital and the Local Association agrees to reimburse the Hospital in the amount of the daily rate of the full-time nurse or in the amount of the **full** cost of such salary and percentage in lieu of fringe benefits of a part-time nurse except for Provincial Committee meetings which will be reimbursed by the Association. The Hospital will bill the Local Association within a reasonable period of time. Part-time nurses **will** receive service and seniority credit for all leaves granted under this Article.

### **1103**      Leave. Board of Directors

A nurse who is elected to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Nurses' Association, other than to the **office** of President, shall be granted upon request such **leave(s)** of absence as she or he may require to fulfill the duties of the position. Reasonable notice - sufficient to adequately allow the Hospital to minimize disruption of its services shall be given to the Hospital for such leave of absence. Notwithstanding Article 10.04, there shall be no loss of seniority or service for a nurse during such leave of absence. Leave of absence under this provision shall be in addition to the Association leave provided in Article 11.02 above. During such leave **of** absence, the nurse's salary and applicable benefits shall be maintained by the Hospital and the Association agrees to reimburse the Hospital in the amount of the full cost of such salary and applicable **benefits**.

### **1104**      Leave. President. O.N.A.

Upon application in writing by the Association on behalf of the nurse to the Hospital, a leave of absence shall be granted to such nurse elected to the office of President of the Ontario Nurses' Association for a period of up to three (3) consecutive **two** (2) year terms. Notwithstanding Article 10.04, there shall be no loss of service or seniority for a nurse during such leave of absence. During such leave of absence, the nurse's salary and applicable benefits shall be maintained by the Hospital and the Association agrees to reimburse the Hospital in the amount of the full cost **of** such salary and applicable benefits. It is understood, however, that during such leave the nurse shall be deemed to be an employee of the Ontario Nurses' Association. The nurse agrees to **notify** the Hospital of her or his intention to return to work at least **two** (2) weeks prior to the date of such return.

### **1105**      Bere                  Leave

A nurse who notifies the Hospital as soon as possible following a bereavement shall be granted three (3) consecutive working days off without **loss** of regular pay for scheduled hours, in conjunction with the day of the funeral of a member of her or his immediate family. "Immediate family" means parent, brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-

in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparent or grandchild. "Spouse" for the purposes of bereavement leave will be defined as in the *Family Law Act*. "Spouse" for the purposes of bereavement leave will also include a partner of the same sex. "Immediate family" and "In-laws" as set out above shall include the relatives of "spouses" as defined herein. Where a nurse does not qualify under the **above-noted** conditions, the Hospital may nonetheless grant a paid bereavement leave. The Hospital, in its discretion, may extend such leave with or without pay.

Part-time nurses will be credited with seniority and service for all such leave.

#### 11.06 Jury & Witness Duty

If a full-time or regular part-time nurse is required to serve as a juror in any court of law, or is required to attend as a witness in a court proceeding in which the Crown is a party, or is required by subpoena to attend a court of law or coroner's inquest in connection with a case arising from the nurse's duties at the hospital, the nurse shall not lose **service/seniority** or regular pay because of such attendance and shall not be required to work the night shift prior to, or on the day of such duty provided that the nurse:

- i) notifies the Hospital immediately on the nurse's notification that she or he will be required to attend court;
- ii) presents proof of service requiring the nurse's attendance;
- iii) deposits with the Hospital the full amount of compensation received excluding mileage, travelling and meal allowances and an official receipt where available.

In addition, where a full-time nurse or regular part-time nurse is selected for jury duty for a period in excess of one (1) week, she or he shall be paid for all hours scheduled and not be expected to attend at work. Upon completion of the process the nurse shall be returned to that point on her or his former schedule that is considered appropriate by the Hospital. It is **understood** and agreed that the local parties may agree to **different** scheduling arrangements for the first week of jury and witness duty.

#### 1 ■ 07 Pregnancy Leave

- (a) Pregnancy leave will be granted in accordance with the provisions of the *Employment Standards Act*, except where amended in this provision. A nurse who is eligible for a pregnancy leave may extend the leave for a period of up to twelve (12) months' duration, inclusive of any parental leave.

- (b) The nurse shall give written notification at least one (1) month in advance of the date of commencement of such leave and the expected date of return.
- (c) The nurse shall reconfirm her intention to return to work on the date originally approved in subsection (b) above by written notification received by the Hospital at least four (4) weeks in advance thereof. The nurse shall be reinstated to her former position unless the position has been discontinued in which case she shall be given a comparable job.
- (d) Nurses newly hired to replace nurses who are on approved pregnancy leave may be released and such release shall not be the subject of a grievance or arbitration. If retained by the Hospital, in a permanent position, the nurse shall be credited with seniority from date of hire subject to successfully completing her or his probationary period. The nurse shall be credited with tours worked (hours worked for nurses whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day) towards the probationary period provided in Article 10.01 (a) to a maximum of 30 tours (225 hours for nurses whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day).

The Hospital will outline to nurses hired to fill such temporary vacancies the circumstances giving rise to the vacancy and the special conditions relating to such employment.

- (e) The Hospital may request a nurse to commence pregnancy leave at such time as the duties of her position cannot reasonably be performed by a pregnant woman or the performance or non-performance of her work is materially affected by the pregnancy
- (f) On confirmation by the Employment Insurance Commission of the appropriateness of the Hospital's Supplemental Unemployment Benefit (SUB) Plan, a nurse who is on pregnancy leave as provided under this Agreement who has applied for and is in receipt of Employment Insurance pregnancy benefits pursuant to Section 18 of the *Employment Insurance Act* shall be paid a supplemental employment benefit. That benefit will be equivalent to the difference between eighty-four percent (84%) of her regular weekly earnings and the sum of her weekly Employment Insurance benefits and any other earnings. Such payment shall commence following completion of the two (2) week Employment Insurance waiting period, and receipt by the Hospital of the nurse's Employment Insurance cheque stub as proof that she is in receipt of Employment Insurance pregnancy benefits, and shall continue for a maximum period of fifteen (15) weeks. The nurse's regular weekly earnings shall be determined by multiplying her regular hourly rate on her last day worked prior to the

commencement of the leave times her normal weekly hours. The normal weekly hours for a part-time employee shall be calculated by using the same time period used for calculation of the Employment insurance benefit (currently 26 weeks).

The employee does not have any vested right except to receive payments for the covered employment period. The plan provides that payments in respect of guaranteed annual remuneration or in respect of deferred remuneration or severance pay benefits are not reduced or increased by payments received under the plan.

## 11.08

### Parental Leave

- (a) A nurse who becomes a parent of a child is eligible to take a parental leave in accordance with the provisions of the ***Employment Standards Act***, except where amended in this provision.
- (b) A nurse who has taken a pregnancy leave under Article 1 ■07 is eligible to be granted a parental leave of up to eighteen (18) weeks' duration, in accordance with the ***Employment Standards Act***. A nurse who is eligible for a parental leave who is the natural father or is an adoptive parent may extend the parental leave for a period of up to twelve (12) months duration, consideration being given to any requirements of adoption authorities. In cases of adoption, the nurse shall advise the hospital as far in advance as possible with respect to a prospective adoption and shall request the leave of absence, in writing, upon receipt of confirmation of the pending adoption. If, because of late receipt of confirmation of the pending adoption, the nurse finds it impossible to request the leave of absence in writing, the request may be made verbally and subsequently verified in writing.
- (c) The nurse shall be reinstated to her or his former position, unless that position has been discontinued, in which case the nurse shall be given a comparable job.
- (d) Nurses newly hired to replace nurses who are on approved parental leave may be released and such release shall not be the subject of a grievance or arbitration. If retained by the Hospital, in a permanent position, the nurse shall be credited with seniority from date of hire subject to successfully completing her or his probationary period. The nurse shall be credited with tours worked (hours worked for nurses whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day) towards the probationary period provided in Article 10.01 (a) to a maximum of 30 tours (225 hours for nurses whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day).

The Hospital will outline to nurses hired to fill such temporary vacancies, the circumstances giving rise to the vacancy and the special conditions relating to such employment.

- (e) On confirmation by the Employment Insurance Commission of the appropriateness of the Hospital's Supplemental Unemployment Benefit (SUB) Plan, a nurse who is on parental leave as provided under this Agreement who has applied for and is in receipt of Employment Insurance parental benefits pursuant to Section 20 of the *Employment Insurance Act* shall be paid a supplemental employment benefit. That benefit will be equivalent to the difference between eighty-four (84%) percent of the nurse's regular weekly earnings and the sum of her or his weekly Employment Insurance benefits and any other earnings. Such payment shall commence following completion of the two week Employment Insurance waiting period, and receipt by the Hospital of the employee's Employment Insurance cheque stub as proof that she or he is in receipt of Employment Insurance parental benefits and shall continue while the nurse is in receipt of such benefits for a maximum period of ten (10) weeks. The nurse's regular weekly earnings shall be determined by multiplying her or his regular hourly rate on her or his last day worked prior to the commencement of the leave times her or his normal weekly hours. The normal weekly hours for a part-time employee shall be calculated by using the same time period used for calculation of the Employment Insurance benefit (currently 26 weeks).

The employee does not have any vested right except to receive payments for the covered employment period. The plan provides that payments in respect of guaranteed annual remuneration or in respect of deferred remuneration or severance pay benefits are not reduced or increased by payments received under the plan.

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### Education Leave

- (a) Leave of absence, without pay, for the purposes of further education directly related to the nurse's employment with the Hospital may be granted on written application by the nurse to the Chief Nursing Officer, Supervisor or designate. Requests for such leave will not be unreasonably denied.
- (b) A full-time or regular part-time nurse shall be entitled to leave of absence without loss of earnings from her or his regularly scheduled working hours for the purpose of writing any examinations required in any recognized course in which nurses are enrolled to upgrade their nursing qualifications.

- (c) Leave of absence without loss of regular earnings from regularly scheduled hours for the purpose of attending short courses, workshops or seminars directly related to the nurse's employment at the hospital may be granted at the discretion of the Hospital upon written application by the nurse to the Chief Nursing Officer, Supervisor or designate.

**11.10** Professional leave with pay will be granted to full-time and regular part-time nurses who are elected to the College of Nurses to attend regularly scheduled meetings of the College of Nurses.

Any employee who is on an authorized leave of absence as of October 23, 1981, shall be entitled to continue the leave in accordance with the terms thereof.

Note: Where an employee is in a position other than in a registered nursing position with duties and responsibilities which are subject to the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, he or she shall be treated in a manner consistent with this Article.

**11.11** Pre-Paid Leave Plan

Effective April 1, 1989, the Hospital agrees to introduce a pre-paid leave program, funded solely by the nurse, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) The plan is available to nurses wishing to spread four (4) years' salary over a five (5) year period, in accordance with Part LXVIII of the Income Tax Regulations, Section 6801, to enable them to take a one (1) year leave of absence following the four (4) years of salary deferral.
- (b) The nurse must make written application to the Chief Nursing Officer or Supervisor at least six (6) months prior to the intended commencement date of the program (i.e., the salary deferral portion), stating the intended purpose of the leave.
- (c) The number of nurses that may be absent at any one time shall be determined by local negotiations. The year for purposes of the program shall be September 1 of one year to August 31 the following year or such other twelve (12) month period as may be agreed upon by the nurse, the local Association and the Hospital.
- (d) Written applications will be reviewed by the Chief Nursing Officer, supervisor or designate. Leaves requested for the purpose of pursuing further formal nursing education will be given priority.

Applications for leaves requested for other purposes will be given the next level of priority on the basis of seniority.

- (e) During the four (4) years of salary deferral, 20% of the nurse's gross annual earnings will be deducted and held for the nurse and will not be accessible to her or him until the year of the leave or upon withdrawal from the plan.
- (9) The manner in which the deferred salary is held shall be at the discretion of the Hospital.
- (g) All deferred salary, plus accrued interest, if any, shall be paid to the nurse at the commencement of the leave or in accordance with such other payment schedule as may be agreed upon between the Hospital and the nurse.
- (h) All benefits shall be kept whole during the four (4) years of salary deferral. During the year of the leave, seniority will accumulate. Service for the purpose of vacation and salary progression and other benefits will be retained but will not accumulate during the period of leave. Full-time nurses shall become responsible for the full payment of premiums for any health and welfare benefits in which they are participating. Contributions to the Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan will be in accordance with the Plan. Full-time nurses will not be eligible to participate in the disability income plan during the year of leave.
- (i) A nurse may withdraw from the plan at any time during the deferral portion provided three (3) months notice is given to the Chief Nursing Officer or Supervisor. Deferred salary, plus accrued interest, if any, will be returned to the nurse, within a reasonable period of time.
- (j) If the nurse terminates employment, the deferred salary held by the Hospital plus accrued interest, if any, will be returned to the nurse within a reasonable period of time. In case of the nurse's death, the funds will be paid to the nurse's estate.
- (k) The Hospital will endeavour to find a temporary replacement for the nurse as far in advance as practicable. If the Hospital is unable to find a suitable replacement, it may postpone the leave. The Hospital will give the nurse as much notice as is reasonably possible. The nurse will have the option of remaining in the Plan and rearranging the leave at a mutually agreeable time or of withdrawing from the Plan and having the deferred salary, plus accrued interest, if any, paid out to the nurse within a reasonable period of time.



- (l) The nurse will be reinstated to her or his former position unless the position has been discontinued, in which case the nurse shall be given a comparable job.
- (m) Final approval for entry into the **pre-paid** leave program will be subject to the nurse entering into a formal agreement with the Hospital in order to authorize the Hospital to make the appropriate deductions from the nurse's pay. Such agreement will include:
  - (a) A statement that the nurse is entering the **pre-paid** leave program in accordance with Article 11.11 of the Collective Agreement.
  - (b) The period of salary deferral and the period for which the leave is requested.
  - (c) The manner in which the deferred salary is to be held.

The letter of application from the nurse to the Hospital to enter the **pre-paid** leave program will be appended to and form part of the written agreement.

## 11.12

### Secondments

- (a) A nurse who ~~is~~ seconded from the Hospital to a bipartite or tripartite committee/position involving the Health Sector or the Broader Public Sector shall be granted a leave of absence without pay for a period of up to five (5) years. Notwithstanding Article 10.04 there shall be no **loss** of seniority or service during such leave. Subject to the agreement of the agency to which the nurse is seconded, the nurse's salary and applicable benefits shall be maintained by the hospital and the hospital shall be reimbursed for the full cost of salary and applicable benefits by the agency to which the nurse is seconded. The nurse agrees to **notify** the Hospital of her or his intention to return to work at least ~~two~~ (2) weeks prior to the date of such return.
- (b) The Hospital shall seek the Union's agreement to establish secondment arrangements. Such agreement shall not be unreasonably denied. The terms and conditions will be established by agreement of the parties.

A nurse who ~~is~~ seconded to another Hospital, for a period not greater than one (1) year, shall not suffer any loss of seniority, service or benefits for the duration of the secondment.

Notwithstanding Article 10.11, the parties also agree that a hospital may **allow** a nurse **from** another hospital to be seconded to the

hospital for a period not greater than one (1) year. It is understood that this nurse remains the employee of the sending hospital and is subject to the terms and conditions of employment of that hospital. If the seconded nurse is not covered by an ONA collective agreement, the Hospital will ensure that the Union receives the equivalent of the dues remittance for all such workers.

NOTE 1: (Note 1 applies to full-time nurses only)  
Provisions in existing Collective Agreements providing for paternity leave shall be continued in effect and added to the above provisions in such Collective Agreements.

NOTE 2: (Note 2 applies to full-time nurses only)  
Provisions in existing Collective Agreements providing for time off to study for College of Nurses examinations, to write registration examinations or examinations for courses of study related to employment shall be continued in effect and added to the above provisions in such Collective Agreements.

## ARTICLE 12 - SICK LEAVE AND LONG-TERM DISABILITY

(Articles 12.01 to 12.14 apply to full-time nurses only)

12.01 The Hospital will assume total responsibility for providing and funding a short-term sick leave plan at least equivalent to that described in the 1980 Hospitals of Ontario Disability Income Plan brochure.

The Hospital will pay 75% of the billed premium towards coverage of eligible employees under the long-term disability portion of the Plan (HOODIP or an equivalent plan). The employee will pay the balance of the billed premium through payroll deduction. For the purpose of transfer to the short-term portion of the disability program, employees on the payroll as of the effective date of the transfer with three (3) months or more of service shall be deemed to have three (3) months of service. For the purpose of transfer to the long-term portion of the disability program, employees on the active payroll as of the effective date of the transfer with one (1) year or more of service shall be deemed to have one (1) year of service.

12.02 Effective the first of the month following the transfer, all existing sick leave plans in the Participating Hospitals shall be terminated and any provisions relating to such plans shall be null and void under the respective Collective Agreements except as to those provisions relating to payout of unused sick leave benefits which are specifically dealt with hereinafter.

12.03 Existing sick leave credits for each employee shall be converted to a sick leave bank to the credit of the employee. The sick leave bank shall contain the unused sick leave days to the credit of the nurse on the effective date of

the transfer to the Plan set out in Article 12.01. The "sick leave bank" shall be utilized to:

- (a) Supplement payment for sick leave days under the new plan which would otherwise be at less than full wages, and;
- (b) Where a payout provision existed under the former sick leave plan in the Collective Agreement, payout shall be made on the termination of employment, or in the case of death, to the nurse's estate. The parties may agree to voluntarily cash out existing sick leave banks. The amount of the payout shall be a cash settlement at the nurse's then current salary rate for any unused sick credits to the maximum provided under the sick leave plan in which the nurse participated as of the date of this award;
- (c) Where, as of the effective date of transfer, an employee does not have the required service to qualify for payout on termination, her or his existing sick leave credits as of that date shall nevertheless be converted to a sick leave bank in accordance with the foregoing and the nurse shall be entitled to the same cash out provisions as set out in paragraph (b) above providing the nurse subsequently achieves the necessary service to qualify for payout under the conditions of the sick leave plan in which she or he participated as of the date of this award;
- (d) Where a payout provision existed under the former sick leave plan in the Collective Agreement, a nurse who, as of the date of this award, has accumulated sick leave credits and is prevented from working for the Hospital on account of an occupational illness or accident that is recognized by The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board as compensable within the meaning of *the Workplace and Safety Insurance Act*, the Hospital, on application from the nurse, will supplement the award made by The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board for loss of wages to the nurse by such amount that the award of The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board for loss of wages, together with the supplementation of the Hospital, will equal one hundred per cent (100%) of the nurse's net earnings to the limit of the nurse's accumulated sick leave credits. Nurses may utilize such sick leave credits while awaiting approval of a claim for Worker's Compensation.

#### 12.04

When a nurse has completed any portion of her or his regularly scheduled tour prior to going on sick leave benefits or Workers' Compensation benefits, the nurse shall be paid for the balance of the tour at her or his regular straighttime hourly rate. This provision will not disentitle the nurse to a lieu day under Article 15.05 if she or he otherwise qualifies.

- 12.05 Nurses returning to work from an illness or injury compensable under Workers' Compensation will be assigned light work as necessary, if available.
- 12.06 A nurse who transfers from full-time to part-time may elect to retain her or his accumulated sick leave credits to be utilized during part-time or subsequent full-time employment as provided under the sick leave plan in which the nurse participates as of October 23, 1981.
- 12.07 Any dispute which may arise concerning a nurse's entitlement to short-term or long-term benefits under HOODIP may be subject to grievance and arbitration under the provisions of this Agreement.
- 12.08 Nurses presently employed who are covered by a long-term disability plan in effect as of the date of this award, may elect to be covered by HOODIP or to continue their present coverage.
- 12.09 The Hospital further agrees to pay employees an amount equal to any loss of benefits under HOODIP for the first two days of the fourth and subsequent period of absence in any calendar year.
- 12.10 During the term of operation of this Collective Agreement, the Hospitals will meet and consult with the Association with the view to assisting the parties in the next set of negotiations to improve the benefit coverage provided by HOODIP.
- 12.11 The Hospital will notify each nurse of the amount of unused sick leave in her or his bank annually.
- 12.12 For nurses whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day, the short term sick leave plan will provide payment for the number of hours of absence according to the scheduled tour to a total of 562.5 hours. All other provisions of the existing plan shall apply mutatis mutandis.
- 12.13 Absences due to pregnancy related illness shall be considered as sick leave under the sick leave plan.
- 12.14 A nurse who is absent from work as a result of an illness or injury sustained at work and who has been awaiting approval of a claim for Worker's Compensation for a period longer than one complete pay period may apply to the Hospital for payment equivalent to the lesser of the benefit the nurse would receive from Workers' Compensation if the nurse's claim was approved, or the benefit to which the nurse would be entitled under the short term sick portion of the disability income plan (HOODIP or equivalent plan). Payment will be provided only if the nurse provides evidence of disability satisfactory to the Hospital and a written undertaking satisfactory to the Hospital that any payments will be refunded to the Hospital following final

determination of the claim by The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. If the claim for Workers' Compensation is not approved, the monies paid as an advance will be applied towards the benefits to which the nurse would be entitled under the short term portion of the disability income plan. Any payment under this provision will continue for a maximum of fifteen (15) weeks.

(Articles 12.15 and 12.16 apply to part time nurses only)

- 12.15 Part-time nurses returning to work from an illness or injury compensable under Workers' Compensation will be assigned light work as necessary, if available.
- 12.16 A nurse who transfers from full-time to part-time may elect to retain her or his accumulated sick leave credits to be utilized during part-time or subsequent full-time employment as provided under the sick leave plan in which the nurse participates as of October 23, 1981.
- 12.17 If the Employer requires the employee to obtain a medical certificate, the employer shall pay the full cost of obtaining the certificate.

Note: This clause shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.

### **ARTICLE 13 - HOURS OF WORK**

- 13.01 The following provision designating regular hours on a daily tour and regular daily tours over the nursing schedule determined by the Hospital shall not be construed to be a guarantee of the hours of work to be performed on each tour or during each tour schedule.

Subject to Article 13.02 below:

- (a) The normal daily tour shall be seven and one-half (7 1/2) consecutive hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period exclusive of an unpaid one-half (1/2) hour meal period, it being understood that at the change of tour there will normally be additional time required for reporting which shall be considered to be part of the normal daily tour, for a period of up to fifteen (15) minutes duration. Should the reporting time extend beyond fifteen (15) minutes, however, the entire period shall be considered overtime for the purposes of payment under Article 14.
- (b) Nurses shall be entitled, subject to the exigencies of patient care, to relief periods during the tour on the basis of fifteen (15) minutes for each half tour. The scheduling of meal periods and relief periods shall be determined by local negotiations.

- (c) The regular daily tours of duty of a full-time nurse shall average five (5) days per week over the nursing schedule determined by the Hospital. Full-time schedules shall be determined by local negotiation.

Full-time nurses in the bargaining unit engaged in teaching in Schools for R.P.N.'s shall work a flexible schedule, Monday to Friday, averaging 37 1/2 hours per week over the schedule to be determined by local negotiations. (Last paragraph of 13.01(c) applies to nurses only).

- (d) Where a nurse notifies her or his supervisor that she or he has been or will be unable to take the normal lunch break due to the requirement of providing patient care, such nurse shall be paid time and one half (1 1/2) her or his regular straight time hourly rate for all time worked in excess of her or his normal daily hours.

### 13.02

Where nurses are now working a longer daily tour, the provisions set out in this Article governing the regular hours of work on a daily tour shall be adjusted accordingly.

The normal daily extended tour shall be 1 ■25 consecutive hours in any 24-hour period, exclusive of a total of forty-five (45) minutes of unpaid meal time.

Nurses shall be entitled, subject to the exigencies of patient care, to relief periods during the tour of a total of forty-five (45) minutes.

The scheduling of meal and relief periods shall be determined by local negotiations.

The introduction or discontinuance of longer daily tours shall be determined by local negotiations.

Where the Union and the Hospital agree to an extended daily tour that differs from the normal daily extended tour, the provisions set out in this agreement shall be adjusted accordingly and recorded in the Appendix of Local Provisions.

### 13.03

#### Innovative Unit Scheduling

Schedules other than those included in Articles 13.01 and 13.02 may be developed in order to improve quality of working life, support continuity of patient care, ensure adequate staffing resources, and support cost-efficiency. The parties agree that such innovative schedules may be determined locally by the Hospital and the Association subject to the following principles:

- (a) Such schedules shall be established by mutual agreement of the Hospital and the Association;
- (b) These schedules may pertain to full-time and/or part-time nurses;
- (c) The introduction of such schedules and trial periods, if any, shall be determined by the local parties and recorded in the Appendix of Local Provisions. Such schedules may be discontinued by either party with notice as determined within the Appendix of Local Provisions;
- (d) Upon written agreement of the Hospital and the Association, the parties may agree to amend collective agreement provisions to accommodate any innovative unit schedules.

#### 13.04 Unit Weekend Schedule

A unit weekend schedule may be developed in order to meet the Hospital's need for weekend staff, and individual nurses' preference for a weekend work schedule.

A unit weekend schedule is defined as a schedule in which a full-time nurse works a weekly average of thirty (30) hours and is paid for 37.5 hours at her or his regular straight time hourly rate. The schedule must include two 11.25 hour tours, which fall within a weekend period as determined by the Hospital and the Association. A nurse working a weekend schedule will work every weekend except as provided for in the provisions below.

If the Hospital and the Association agree to a unit weekend schedule, the introduction of that schedule and the manner in which the position(s) are filled, shall be determined by the local parties and recorded in the Appendix of Local Provisions. This unit schedule may be discontinued by either party with notice as determined within the Appendix of Local Provisions. The opportunity for an individual nurse to discontinue this schedule shall be resolved by the local parties:

- (a) Weekend and shift premiums shall not be paid;
- (b) Vacation Bank

Vacation entitlement is determined by Article 16.01. For the purposes of Article 16.01(f), hours worked or credited as paid leave will be based on an accelerated rate of 1.25 hours credit for each hour worked.

Mechanism for the vacation bank is determined by current local practices.

Drawing from the vacation bank will occur at an accelerated rate of 1.25 paid hours for every hour taken as vacation (i.e. 11.25 hours worked equals 14.05 hours paid; 7.5 hours worked equals 9.375 hours paid).

Vacation must be taken as a full weekend off (i.e. Saturday and Sunday). The maximum number of weekends off cannot exceed the week entitlement level determined by Article 16.01.

Single vacation days may be taken on weekdays, which need not be in conjunction with the Saturday and Sunday. Single vacation days may be taken on the weekend, provided no replacement is required.

Cash ~~out~~ and carry ~~out~~ provisions for the bank will be defined locally.

Article 16.05(a), (b) and (c) do not apply.

(c) Paid Holiday Bank

Nurses qualify in accordance with the collective agreement. The paid holidays are identified in the Local Appendix.

Credit to the paid holiday bank will occur on the date of the holiday.

Drawing from the paid holiday bank will occur at an accelerated rate of 1.25 hours paid for every hour taken (i.e. 11.25 hours worked equals 14.05 hours paid; 7.5 hours worked equals 9.375 hours paid).

If a nurse works on a paid holiday as defined by the local parties, she or he will receive one and one-half (1-1/2) pay for all hours worked on a holiday. The nurse will not receive a lieu day. Article 14.04 also applies.

The holiday bank can be used as income replacement for absences due to illness or for lieu time off on a weekday.

Cash-out and carry-over provisions for the bank will be resolved locally.

(d) Sick Leave

The nurse may utilize the paid holiday bank as income replacement for absences due to illness, as described in Article (c) above.

The nurse is eligible for long term disability benefits as described in Article 12. A nurse will not receive pay for the first seventeen (17)



weeks of any period of absence due to a legitimate illness. Subject to the availability of paid holiday banked hours, the nurse will be eligible for Employment Insurance for weeks three (3) through seventeen (17) for any absence due to a legitimate illness. The Hospital will provide the nurse with sixty-five (65%) percent of her or his regular earnings for weeks eighteen (18) through thirty (30) for any absence due to a legitimate illness.

The nurse may utilize his or her sick leave bank available under Article 12.03 for unpaid absences due to illness and Employment Insurance top-up in accordance with the formula for converting hours as described in Article 12.03(b).

Nurses may be required to provide medical proof of illness for any absence of a scheduled shift, which is neither vacation nor an approved leave of absence. It is agreed and understood that Article 18.04 will apply in these circumstances.

The provision of medical certificates shall be subject to Article 12.17.

(e) Leaves of Absence

Article 11 applies for both paid and unpaid leaves. For the purposes of an unpaid 11.25 hour shift, the deduction from pay shall equate to 14.05 hours. For the purposes of an unpaid 7.5 hour shift, the deduction from pay shall equate to 9.375 hours.

(9) Tour Exchange

Weekend tour exchanges will be permitted only between weekend tour nurses. Weekday tour exchanges will be permitted, provided the hospital does not incur additional costs.

In all instances of tour exchange, the tours must be of the same duration.

(g) Overtime

Overtime will begin to accrue after sixty (60) hours in a two (2) week period averaged over the scheduling period determined by the local parties.

Overtime will apply if the nurse works in excess of the normal daily hours.

Payment for overtime is as in Article 14.01(a).

(h) Scheduling Provisions

The scheduling and premium provisions relating to consecutive weekends off in the local appendix do not apply to nurses who accept positions under this provision.

(i) Christmas Period

The local provisions relating to scheduling during this period will apply, except as modified to confirm that the weekend tour nurse will continue to work weekends during this period.

13.05 Individual Special Circumstance Arrangements

Notwithstanding Article 2.04, the Hospital and the Association may agree in certain circumstances, the schedule of an individual full-time nurse may be adjusted to enable an average weekly work assignment of 30 to 37.5 hours.

- (a) Such an arrangement shall be established by mutual agreement of the Hospital and the Association and the nurse affected. The parties agree that the arrangement applies to an individual, not to a position.
- (b) The parties shall determine the introduction of a special circumstance arrangement. Issues related to vacation, paid holidays and benefit coverage will be determined by the Hospital and the Association. The nurse will retain full-time status, including but not limited to seniority and service.

The parties agree that for pension purposes, there will be no reduction in the normal 37.5 hours per week pension contributions made by a nurse and/or the Hospital under this provision.

(Note: If the above proposal is satisfactory to HOOPP and Revenue Canada)

- (c) Any party may discontinue the special circumstance arrangement with notice as determined within the agreement. In the event that the nurse affected resigns, transfers, is laid off or terminated, the arrangement will be deemed to be discontinued immediately, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise.

## ARTICLE 14 - PREMIUM PAYMENT

### 14.01 (a) (Article 14.01(a) applies to full-time nurses only)

If a nurse is authorized to work in excess of the hours referred to in Article 13.01 (a) or (c), she or he shall receive overtime premium of one and one-half (1 1/2) times her or his regular straight time hourly rate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no overtime premium shall be paid for a period of less than fifteen (15) minutes of overtime work where the nurse is engaged in reporting functions at the end of her or his normal daily tour. If authorized overtime amounts to fifteen (15) minutes or more, overtime premium shall be paid for the total period in excess of the normal daily tour. Overtime premium will not be duplicated for the same hours worked under Article 13.01 (a) and (c) nor shall there be any pyramiding with respect to any other premiums payable under the provisions of this Collective Agreement. Nothing herein will disentitle the nurse to payment of the normal tour differential provided herein. For purpose of clarity, a nurse who ~~is~~ required to work on her or his scheduled day off shall receive overtime premium of one and one-half (1 1/2) times her or his regular straight time hourly rate. The Hospital agrees that if the Collective Agreement provided a greater overtime premium for overtime work immediately prior to this Agreement, the **Hospital** will continue to pay such greater overtime premium. This ~~is~~ not intended to entitle the nurse to be paid for work performed while engaged in the reporting functions as provided herein.

### (b) (Article 14.01(b) applies to part-time nurses only.)

If a part-time nurse is **authorized** to work in excess of the hours referred to in Article 13.01 (a), she or he shall receive overtime premium of one and one-half (1 1/2) times her or his regular straight time hourly rate. A part-time nurse (including casual nurses but not including part-time nurses who are filling temporary full-time vacancies) who works in excess of seventy-five (75) hours in a ~~two~~ (2) week period shall receive time and one-half (1 1/2) her or his regular straight time hourly rate for all hours worked in excess of seventy-five (75). A part-time nurse who is filling a temporary full-time vacancy shall receive time and one-half (1 1/2) her ~~or~~ his regular straight time hourly rate for all hours worked in excess of an average of 37 1/2 hours per week over the full-time nursing schedule determined by the Hospital. Such averaging will commence at the conclusion of the two week period following the nurse's transfer to the temporary full-time position and will end at the conclusion of the ~~two~~ week period prior to the nurse's return to her or his former position. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no overtime premium shall be paid for a period of ~~less~~ than fifteen (15) minutes of overtime work where the nurse is engaged in

reporting functions at the end of her or his normal daily tour. If authorized overtime amounts to fifteen (15) minutes or more, overtime premium shall be paid for the total period in excess of the normal daily tour. Overtime premium will not be duplicated for the same hours worked under Article 13.01 (a) nor shall there be any pyramiding with respect to any other premiums payable under the provisions of this Collective Agreement. Nothing herein will disentitle the nurse to payment of the normal tour differential provided herein. The Hospital agrees that if the Collective Agreement provided a greater premium for overtime work immediately prior to this Agreement, the Hospital will continue to pay such greater overtime premium. This is not intended to entitle the nurse to be paid for work performed while engaged in the reporting functions as provided herein.

- 14.02 Notwithstanding the foregoing, overtime will not be paid for additional hours worked during a twenty-four (24) hour period either as a result of change in tour on the request of a nurse or a change-over to daylight saving from standard time or vice versa or an exchange of tours by two nurses.
- 14.03 Work scheduled by the Hospital to which a premium is attached under scheduling regulations contained in the Collective Agreement and set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions shall be paid at one and one-half (1 1/2) times the nurse's regular straight time hourly rate or as otherwise provided.
- 14.04 Where a nurse is required to work on a paid holiday or on an overtime tour or on a tour that is paid at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) the nurse's regular straight time hourly rate as a result of 14.03 above and the nurse is required to work additional hours following her or his full tour on that day (but not including hours on a subsequent regularly scheduled tour for such nurse) such nurse shall receive two (2) times her or his regular straight time hourly rate for such additional hours worked.
- 14.05 A nurse who reports for work as scheduled, unless otherwise notified by the Hospital, shall receive a minimum of four (4) hours' pay at her or his regular straight time hourly rate. The nurse shall be required to perform any nursing duties assigned by the Hospital which she or he is capable of doing, if her or his regular duties are not available.
- 14.06 Where a full-time or regular part-time nurse has completed her or his regularly scheduled tour and left the hospital and is called in to work outside her or his regularly scheduled working hours, or where a nurse is called back from standby, such nurse shall receive time and one-half (1 1/2) her or his regular straight time hourly rate for all hours worked with a minimum guarantee of four (4) hours' pay at time and one-half (1 1/2) her or his regular straight time hourly rate except to the extent that such four (4) hour period overlaps or extends into her or his regularly scheduled shift. In such a case, the nurse will receive time and one-half (1 1/2) her or his regular straight time

hourly rate for actual hours worked up to the commencement of her or his regular shift.

14.07 A nurse who is required to remain available for duty on standby outside her or his regularly scheduled working hours shall receive standby pay in the amount of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per hour for the period of standby scheduled by the Hospital. Where such standby ~~duty~~ falls on a paid holiday, as set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions, the nurse shall receive standby pay in the amount of three dollars (\$3.00) per hour. Standby pay shall, however, cease where the nurse ~~is~~ called in to work under Article 14.06 above and works during the period ~~of~~ standby.

14.08 (a) In computing a full-time nurse's regular straight time hourly rate under this Collective Agreement such rate shall be established by dividing the product of the nurse's regular monthly salary exclusive of any allowance or premium pay times twelve (12) by the regular average weekly hours times ~~fifty-two~~ (52).

(b) The regular straight time hourly rate for a part-time nurse will be the hourly rate in the wage schedule set forth in Article 19.01 (a).

14.09 (Article 14.09 applies to full-time nurses only)

Where a nurse has worked and accumulated approved hours for which she or he ~~is~~ entitled to be paid premium pay (other than hours relating to working on paid holidays) such nurse shall have the option of electing payment at the applicable premium rate or time off equivalent to the applicable premium rate (~~i.e.~~ where the applicable rate is time and one-half (1 1/2) then time off shall be at time and one-half (1 1/2)). Where a nurse chooses equivalent time off such time off must be taken within the period set ~~out~~ in the Appendix of Local Provisions or payment in accordance with the former option shall be made.

The application of this clause for part-time nurses will be determined by the local parties.

14.10 A nurse shall be paid a shift premium of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour for each hour worked which falls within the hours defined as an evening shift and one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) for each hour worked which falls within the hours defined as a night shift provided that such hours exceed two (2) hours if worked in conjunction with the day shift. Tour differential will not form part of the nurse's straight time hourly rate. For purposes of this provision, the night shift and the evening shift each consist ~~of~~ 7.5 hours. The defined hours of a night and evening shift shall be a matter for local negotiation.

**14.11**      mbi      Escort

Where a nurse is assigned to provide patient care for a patient in transit, the following provisions shall apply:

- (a)    i)      Where a full-time nurse performs such duties during her or his regular shift, the full time nurse shall be paid her or his regular rate of pay. Where a full-time nurse performs such duties outside her or his regular shift or on a day off, she or he shall be paid the appropriate overtime rate.
- ii)      Where a part-time nurse performs such duties during an assigned shift, she or he shall be paid her or his regular rate of pay. Where a part-time nurse continues to perform such duties in excess of her or his assigned shift, she or he shall be paid the appropriate overtime rate.
- (b)    Where such duties extend beyond the nurse's regular shift, the Hospital will not require the nurse to return to regular duties at the Hospital without at least eight (8) hours of time off. Where such time off extends into the nurse's next regularly scheduled shift she or he will maintain her or his regular earnings for that full shift.
- (c)    Hours spent between the time the nurse is relieved of patient care responsibilities and the time the nurse returns to the hospital or to such other location agreed upon between the Hospital and the nurse will be paid at straight time or at appropriate overtime rates, if applicable under Article 14.01. It is understood that the nurse shall return to the hospital or to such other location agreed upon between the Hospital and the nurse at the earliest opportunity. Prior to the nurse's departure on escort duty, or at such other time as may be mutually agreed upon between the Hospital and the nurse, the Hospital will establish with the nurse arrangements for return travel.
- (d)    The nurse shall be reimbursed for reasonable out of pocket expenses including room, board and return transportation and consideration will be given to any special circumstances not dealt with under the foregoing provisions.

**NOTE 1:**      (Note 1 applies to full-time nurses only)

The Hospital agrees to continue to pay any greater monetary benefit for ambulance escort duty if such greater benefit has been paid by the Hospital immediately prior to this Agreement. This note applies at Hospitals where this superior condition exists as of December 14, 1987.

**NOTE 2:**      (Note 2 applies to part-time nurses only)

## ARTICLE 15 - PAID HOLIDAYS

(Articles 15.01 to 15.07 apply to full-time nurses only)

15.01 A nurse who **otherwise** qualifies under Article 15.02 hereunder shall receive **twelve** (12) paid holidays as designated in the Appendix of Local Provisions.

In the event that the Provincial Government declares an additional holiday (such as Heritage Day) during the term of this Agreement, such holiday will be **substituted** for one of the abovementioned holidays. The designation of the additional holiday for an existing holiday shall be subject to local determination and such designation shall not add to the present number of holidays.

15.02 In order to **qualify** for pay for a holiday, a nurse shall complete her or his full scheduled shift on each of the working days immediately preceding and following the holiday concerned unless excused by the Hospital or the nurse was absent due to:

- (a) legitimate illness or accident which commenced within a month of the date of the holiday;
- (b) vacation granted by the Hospital;
- (c) the nurse's regular scheduled day **off**;
- (d) 'a paid leave of absence provided the nurse is not **otherwise** compensated for the holiday.

A nurse entitled to holiday pay hereunder shall not receive sick leave pay to which she or he may otherwise have been entitled unless she or he was scheduled to work that day. A nurse receiving Worker's Compensation Benefits for the day of the holiday shall, subject to the above provisions, be entitled to the difference between the amount of the Workers' Compensation Benefits and the holiday pay.

15.03 Holiday pay will be computed on the basis **of** the nurse's regular straight time hourly rate of pay times the number **of** hours for a normal daily tour as set out in Article 13.01 (a).

15.04 Subject to Article 15.02:

- (a) Where a holiday **falls** during a nurse's scheduled vacation period, the nurse's vacation shall be extended by one (1) day unless the nurse and the Hospital agree to schedule a different day off with pay.
- (b) Where a holiday falls on a nurse's scheduled day off an additional day off with pay will be scheduled.

15.05 A nurse required to work on any of the foregoing holidays shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) the nurse's regular straight time hourly rate of pay for ~~all~~ hours worked on such holiday subject to Article 14.04. In addition, the nurse will receive a lieu day off with pay in the amount of her or his regular straight time hourly rate of pay times the number of hours in a normal daily tour as set out in Article 13.01 (a).

NOTE: Nurses on extended tours shall receive twelve (12) lieu days off to consist of seven and one-half (7.5) hours each.

15.06 Where a nurse is entitled to a lieu day under Article 15.04 or 15.05 above, such day off must be taken within a period as set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions or payment shall be made in accordance with Article 15.03.

15.07 Hospitals presently providing additional paid holidays shall continue to provide such additional holidays.

15.08 (Article 15.08 and the note following Article 15.08 apply to part-time nurses only)

If a regular part-time nurse works on any of the holidays listed in Article 15.01 of this Agreement, she or he shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) her or his regular straight time hourly rate (as set out in the Wage Schedule) for ~~all~~ hours worked on such holiday, subject to the application of Article 14.04 regarding hours worked in addition to her or his full tour.

NOTE: Where existing Collective Agreements contain provisions relating to payment to nurses for holidays, whether worked or not, that exceed any payment required under the Employment *Standards* Act, such provisions shall be continued. Payment of holiday pay under this Note applies only to nurses presently enjoying such payment. Nurses presently enjoying holiday pay pursuant to this Note or otherwise as of December 14, 1987 will continue to enjoy such payment until they cease to be employed at the Hospital or until they transfer to a status to which this superior condition does not apply, whichever first occurs.

This note applies to nurses only.

## ARTICLE 16 - VACATIONS

(Articles 16.01 to 16.05 apply to full-time employees only)

16.01 All employees shall receive vacations with pay based on length of full-time continuous service as follows:



The Hospital agrees to continue to pay any greater monetary benefit for ambulance escort duty if such greater benefit was paid by the Hospital under a Collective Agreement immediately prior to this Agreement. This note applies at Hospitals where this superior condition exists as of December 14, 1987.

14.12 (a) (Article 14.12(a) applies to full-time nurses only)

The posting of work schedules shall be as set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions. It shall be the responsibility of the nurse to consult posted work schedules. The Hospital will endeavour to provide as much advance notice as is practicable of a change in the posted schedule. Changes to the posted work schedule shall be brought to the attention of the nurse. Where less than forty-eight (48) hours' notice is given personally to the nurse, time and one-half (1 1/2) of the nurse's regular straight time hourly rate will be paid for all hours worked on the nurse's next shift worked.

Where a nurse is cancelled without the required notice on two (2) or more separate occasions prior to working her or his next shift(s), premium pay under this provision will be extended to subsequent shifts worked, such that the number of premium paid shifts equal the number of such separate occasions.

Where a shift that attracts premium pay pursuant to this provision is otherwise a premium paid tour, she or he will be paid two times her or his straight time hourly rate for all hours worked on that tour.

(b) (Article 14.12(b) applies to part-time nurses only)

i) The posting of work schedules for regular part-time nurses shall be determined by local negotiations. It shall be the responsibility of the regular part-time nurse to consult posted work schedules. The Hospital will endeavour to provide as much advance notice as is practicable of a change in the posted schedule. Changes to the posted work schedule shall be brought to the attention of the regular part-time nurse.

ii) Where less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice is given personally to the regular part-time nurse, time and one-half (1 1/2) of the nurse's regular straight time hourly rate will be paid for all hours worked on the first shift of the nurse's new schedule. Such changes shall not be considered a lay-off.

Where a nurse is cancelled without the required notice on two (2) or more separate occasions prior to working her or his next shift(s), premium pay under this provision will be extended to

subsequent shifts worked, such that the number of premium paid shifts shall equal the number of such separate occasions.

Where a shift attracts premium pay pursuant to this provision is otherwise a premium paid tour, she or he will be paid two **(2)** times her or his straight time hourly rate for all hours worked on that tour.

- iii) Where a nurse is called in to work a regular shift less than two **(2)** hours prior to the commencement of the shift, and arrives within one **(1)** hour of the commencement, then the nurse will be paid for a **full** tour provided that the nurse works until the normal completion of the tour.
  - iv) Casual part-time nurses whose work schedule has been **pre-scheduled** and whose schedule is changed with less than twenty-four **(24)** hours notice then paragraph **(b)** - shall apply to casual part-time nurses.
- (c) Where a hospital is encountering problems around the provision of personal notice to nurses, the parties will endeavour to resolve these concerns at the Hospital-Association Committee.

**14.13** When a nurse is required to travel to the hospital or to return home as a result of reporting to or off work between the hours of **2400 - 0600** hours, or at any time while on standby, the Hospital will pay transportation ~~costs~~ either by taxi or by the nurse's own vehicle at the rate of twenty-two cents (\$0.22) per kilometer (to a maximum of fourteen dollars **(\$14.00)**) or such greater amount as the Hospital may in its discretion determine for each trip between the aforementioned hours. The nurse will provide to the Hospital satisfactory proof of payment of such taxi fare.

**14.14** A nurse who works a second consecutive full tour shall be entitled to the normal rest periods and meal period for the second tour, but shall be provided at the time of the meal period with a hot meal or four dollars (\$4.00) if the Hospital is unable to provide the hot meal. Other nurses required to work more than two **(2)** hours overtime on the same day they have worked a full tour shall, after the two **(2)** hours, receive a **1/2** hour paid meal period and shall be provided with a hot meal or four dollars (\$4.00) if the Hospital is unable to provide the hot meal.

**14.15** A nurse shall be paid a weekend premium of one dollar and thirty-five cents **(\$1.35)** per hour for each hour worked between **2400** hours Friday and **2400** hours Sunday, or such other **48** hour period as the local parties may agree upon. If a nurse is receiving premium pay under Article **14.03**, pursuant to a local scheduling regulation with respect to consecutive weekends worked, the nurse will not receive weekend premium under this provision.

- (a) i) Subject to (ii), employees who have completed less than one (1) year of full-time continuous service (as of the date for determining vacation entitlement in the individual Hospital) shall be entitled to a vacation on the basis of 1.25 days (9.375 hours for employees whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day) for each completed month of service with pay in the amount of 6% of gross earnings.
  - ii) Paramedical employees below the Registered Technologist classification who have completed less than one (1) year of full-time continuous service (as of the date for determining vacation entitlement in the individual Hospital) shall be entitled to a vacation on the basis of .83 days (6.225 hours for employees whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day) for each completed month of service with pay in the amount of 4% of gross earnings.
- (b) i) Subject to (ii) and (iii), employees who have completed one (1) or more years of full-time continuous service (as of the date for determining vacation entitlement in the individual Hospital) shall be entitled to an annual vacation of three (3) weeks with three (3) weeks' pay (112.5 hours' pay for employees whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day), provided the employee works or receives paid leave for a total of at least 1525 hours in the vacation year.
- ii) Paramedical employees below the Registered Technologist classification who have completed one (1) year of full-time continuous service (as of the date for determining vacation entitlement in the individual Hospital) shall be entitled to an annual vacation of two (2) weeks with two (2) weeks' pay (75 hours' pay for employees whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day), provided the employee works or receives paid leave for a total of at least 1525 hours in the vacation year.
- iii) Paramedical employees below the Registered Technologist classification who have completed two (2) years of full-time continuous service (as of the date for determining vacation entitlement in the individual Hospital) shall be entitled to an annual vacation of three (3) weeks with three (3) weeks' pay (112.5 hours' pay for employees whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day), provided the employee works or receives paid leave for a total of at least 1525 hours in the vacation year.

- (c) i) Subject to (ii), employees who have completed three (3) or more years of full-time continuous service (as of the date for determining vacation entitlement in the individual Hospital) shall be entitled to an annual vacation of four (4) weeks with four (4) weeks' pay (150 hours' pay for employees whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day), provided the employee works or receives paid leave for a total of at least **1525** hours in the vacation year.
- ii) Paramedical employees below the Registered Technologist classification who have completed five (5) years of full-time continuous service (as of the date for determining vacation entitlement in the individual Hospital) shall be entitled to an annual vacation of four (4) weeks with four (4) weeks' pay (150 hours' pay for employees whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day), provided the employee works or receives paid leave for a total of at least **1525** hours in the vacation year.
- (d) Employees who have completed fourteen (14) or more years of full-time continuous service (as of the date for determining vacation entitlement in the individual Hospital) shall be entitled to an annual vacation of five (5) weeks with five (5) weeks' pay (187.5 hours' pay for employees whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day), provided the employee works or receives paid leave for a total of at least **1525** hours in the vacation year.
- (e) Employees who have completed twenty three (23) years or more of full-time continuous service (as of the date for determining vacation entitlement in the individual hospital) shall be entitled to an annual vacation of six (6) weeks' with six (6) weeks' pay (**225** hours' pay for employees whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day), provided the employee works or receives paid leave for a total of at least **1525** hours in the vacation year.
- (9) If an employee works or receives paid leave for less than **1525** hours in the vacation year she or he will receive vacation pay based on a percentage of her or his gross salary for work performed on the following basis:
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|--------------------|-------|
| 2 week entitlement | - 4%  |
| 3 week entitlement | - 6%  |
| 4 week entitlement | - 8%  |
| 5 week entitlement | - 10% |
| 6 week entitlement | - 12% |

NOTE: Employees who presently enjoy better vacation benefits shall continue to receive such better benefits while employed by the Hospital.

- 16.02 A nurse who leaves the employ of the Hospital for any reason shall be entitled to receive any unpaid vacation pay which has accrued to her or him to the date of her or his separation, it being understood and agreed that the nurse will provide at least two (2) weeks' notice of termination.
- 16.03 For the purpose of vacation entitlement, service for those nurses whose status is changed, on or after October 23, 1981, from part-time to full-time or vice versa, shall mean the combined service as a part-time and full-time nurse employed by the Hospital and accumulated on a continuous basis. For the purpose of this Article, 1500 hours of part-time service shall equal one (1) year of full-time service and vice versa.
- 16.04 Full-time nurse teachers shall be entitled to one additional week of vacation with pay which shall be taken at either the Spring Break or the Christmas Break.  
This clause applies to nurses only.
- 16.05
- (a) Where an employee's scheduled vacation is interrupted due to serious illness which commenced prior to and continues into the scheduled vacation period, the period of such illness shall be considered sick leave.
  - (b) Where an employee's scheduled vacation is interrupted due to serious illness requiring the employee to be an in-patient in a hospital, the period of such hospitalization shall be considered sick leave.
  - (c) The portion of the employee's vacation which is deemed to be sick leave under the above provisions will not be counted against the employee's vacation credits.
  - (d) Where a nurse's scheduled vacation is interrupted due to a bereavement, the nurse shall be entitled to bereavement leave in accordance with Article 11.05.
  - (e) The portion of the employee's vacation which is deemed to be bereavement leave under the above provisions will not be counted against the employee's vacation credits.

(Articles 16.06 to 16.09 and the Note following Article 16.09 apply to part-time nurses only).

- 16.06 All regular part-time employees shall be entitled to vacation pay based upon the applicable percentage provided in accordance with the vacation entitlement of full-time employees, of their gross earnings in the preceding year. If an employee works or receives paid leave for less than 1100 hours in the vacation year she or he will receive vacation pay based on a percentage of her or his gross salary for work performed on the following basis:

2 week entitlement	- 4%
3 week entitlement	- 6%
4 week entitlement	- 8%
5 week entitlement	- 10%
6 week entitlement	- 12%

Equivalent years of service, calculated pursuant to the formula set out in Article 16.03, shall be used to determine vacation entitlement.

Casual part-time employees will be paid vacation pay in accordance with the above entitlement on gross earnings or on gross salary for work performed, as applicable. Such vacation pay will be paid on monies earned on or after April 1, 1988. Equivalent years of service will be based on the casual part-time employee's seniority established under Article 10.02 and will be calculated on the basis that 1500 hours of part-time service shall equal one (1) year of full-time service and vice-versa.

16.07 A part-time nurse who leaves the employ of the Hospital for any reason shall be entitled to receive any unpaid vacation pay which has accrued to her or him to the date of her or his separation, it being understood and agreed that the nurse will provide at least two (2) weeks' notice of termination.

16.08 For the purpose of vacation entitlement, service for those nurses whose status is changed, on or after October 23, 1981, from part-time to full-time or vice versa, shall mean the combined service as a part-time and full-time nurse employed by the Hospital and accumulated on a continuous basis. For the purpose of this Article, 1500 hours of part-time service shall equal one (1) year of full-time service and vice versa.

16.09 Scheduling of vacations shall be in accordance with the schedule of local provisions.

NOTE: Part-time nurses (including casual nurses) who presently enjoy better vacation pay benefits under the provisions of a Collective Agreement immediately prior to this Agreement, shall continue to receive better benefits while employed by the Hospital.

## ARTICLE 17 - HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

(Article 17 applies to full-time nurses only)

17.01 The Hospital agrees, during the term of the Collective Agreement, to contribute towards the premium coverage of participating eligible nurses in the active employ of the Hospital under the insurance plans set out below subject to their respective terms and conditions including any enrolment requirements:

- (a) The Hospital agrees to pay 100% of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible nurses in the active employ of the Hospital under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.
- (b) The Hospital agrees to pay 100% of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible nurses in the active employ of the Hospital under the Liberty Health Semi-Private Plan (which is comparable to the Blue Cross Plan) or comparable coverage with another carrier.
- (c) The Hospital agrees to contribute 75% of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible nurses in the active employ of the Hospital under the Liberty Health Extended Health Care Benefits Plan (which is comparable to the existing Blue Cross Extended Health Care Benefits Plan) or comparable coverage with another carrier providing for \$15.00 (single) and \$25.00 (family) deductible, providing the balance of monthly premiums are paid by the nurses through payroll deductions. In addition to the standard benefits, coverage will include hearing aids (maximum \$300/person); and effective no later than March 1, 2000, vision care (maximum \$150 every 24 months), and Drug Formulary 3.
- (d) The Hospital agrees to contribute 100% of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible nurses in the active employ of the Hospital under H.O.O.G.L.I.P. or such other group life insurance plan currently in effect providing the balance of the monthly premiums are paid by the employees through payroll deductions. Such insurance shall include benefits for accidental death and dismemberment in the principal amount equal to the amount of the Group Life Insurance to which the nurse is entitled.
- (e) Hospitals of Ontario Voluntary Life Insurance Plan

The Hospital also agrees to make the Hospitals of Ontario Voluntary Life Insurance Plan (HOOVLIP) available to the nurses subject to the provisions of HOOVLIP at no cost to the Hospital.

- (f) The Hospital agrees to contribute 75% of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible nurses in the active employ of the Hospital under the Liberty Health Dental #9 Dental Plan (which is comparable to the Blue Cross #9 Dental Plan) or comparable coverage with another carrier; effective no later than March 1, 2000, based on the current ODA fee schedule with a one year lag and nine month recall (adults only); and effective no later than March 1, 2000, orthodontics 50/50 co-insurance with \$1000 maximum per insured lifetime providing the balance of the monthly premiums are paid by the employees through payroll deductions.

- (g) For purposes of health and welfare benefits under Article 17.01, dependent coverage is available to the nurse, to cover her or his same sex partner and their dependents, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the plans.

For those employees transferring from part-time to full-time, there will be no waiting period for benefits, except as provided by the plan, if the part-time employee has over 450 hours worked. Where the nurse has not worked more than 450 hours, she or he will be given credit for those hours worked from date of hire.

**17.02** For newly hired nurses, coverage as set out in Article 17.01 shall be effective the first billing date in the month following the month in which the nurse was first employed subject to any enrollment or other requirements of the Plan. In no instance shall the first billing date for a nurse occur later than the first day of the fourth full month following the month in which the newly-hired nurse was first employed.

**17.03** The Hospital may substitute another carrier for any of the foregoing plans (other than OHIP) provided that the level of benefits conferred thereby are not decreased. The Hospital will advise the Association of any change in carrier or underwriter at least sixty (60) days prior to implementing a change in carrier.

**17.04** All present nurses enrolled in the Hospital's Pension Plan shall maintain their enrollment in the Plan (Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan or another Pension Plan) subject to its terms and conditions. New nurses and nurses employed but not yet eligible for membership in the Plan shall, as a condition of employment, enroll in the Plan when eligible in accordance with its terms and conditions.

**17.05** The Hospital shall continue to pay the premiums for benefit plans under Articles 17 and 12 for nurses who are on paid leave of absence or on WSIB or at any time when salary is received, or as provided in Article 10.04. Such payment shall also continue while a nurse is on sick leave (including the Employment Insurance Period) or on Long Term Disability to a maximum of 30 months from the time the absence commenced, or for retirees who are in receipt of Pension Permanent Disability Benefits to a maximum of 30 months from the time the absence commenced.

Nurses who are on layoff may continue to participate in benefit plans, at their request, provided they make arrangements for payment and provided also that the layoff does not exceed one year.

**Note:** For clarification, "retirees" includes nurses who were on sick leave, LTD or WSIB prior to receipt of Pension Permanent Disability Benefits.



17.06 Nurses who reside in Quebec shall have equivalent monetary contributions paid in that province with respect to the Quebec equivalent of OHIP.

17.07 (a) The Hospital shall provide each nurse with information booklets outlining all of the current provisions in the **benefits** plans defined in Article 17.01 to Article 17.06 inclusive and the Sick Leave/LTD Plan defined in Article 12. Upon request, the Hospital will make the Plans available to the Association for inspection.

(b) The Hospital shall notify the Association of the **name(s)** of the **carrier(s)** which provide the benefits plans defined in Article 17.01 to Article 17.06 inclusive and the LTD Plan defined in Article 12. The Hospital shall also provide the Association with a copy of all current information booklets provided to the nurses.

17.08 Employment Insurance Rebate

The short-term sick leave plan shall be registered with the Employment Insurance Commission (EIC). The nurses' share of the employer's unemployment insurance premium reduction will be retained by the Hospital towards offsetting the cost of the benefit improvements contained in this agreement.

17.09 The parties agree to establish a Benefits Review Subcommittee which will include four representatives from the Union and four representatives from the Participating Hospitals to discuss the terms of the benefit plans (other than pensions) provided under the collective agreement and the administration of benefit plans with a view to increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the plans. As part of that review, the Committee will be provided with copies of the plan texts and any other relevant information requested by the Committee that pertain to these benefit plans.

17.10 The Hospital agrees that part-time nurses may pay, through payroll deductions, for full premium ~~costs~~ of the ONA sponsored benefit program, provided that an individual Hospital's systems can accommodate this. The ONA sponsored **benefit** plan will provide the Hospital with an administrative rebate, if any.

The Hospital will make no payroll deductions for such benefits in months in which the employee has insufficient earnings. In this circumstance, the employee is responsible for making the full payment to the ONA sponsored **benefit** plan.

The Association agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Hospital against any claims or liabilities arising or resulting from the operation of this Article.

The parties agree to give the Hospital appropriate time to establish the payroll deduction process. Once established the payroll deduction process for part-time benefits through the ONA sponsored program will be communicated to the Association and the part-time nurses. The Hospital will facilitate access to part-time nurses by providing available benefit literature and other communications as appropriate.

## ARTICLE 18 - MISCELLANEOUS

- 18.01 Copies of this Collective Agreement will be provided to each nurse covered by the Collective Agreement by the Association and sufficient copies will be provided to the Hospital and the local Association, as requested. The cost of printing the Collective Agreement, including the printing of the French Translation, will be shared equally by the Hospital and the local Association. The cost of the French translation will be shared equally by the Association and the Participating Hospitals.
- 18.02 Whenever the feminine pronoun is used in this Agreement, it includes the masculine pronoun and vice-versa where the context so requires. Where the singular is used, it may also be deemed to mean plural and vice-versa.
- 18.03 It shall be the duty of each nurse to notify the Hospital promptly of any change in address or any change in temporary residency. If a nurse fails to do this, the Hospital will not be responsible for failure of a notice sent by registered mail to reach such a nurse. A nurse shall notify the Hospital of any change to her or his telephone number.
- 18.04 Medical examinations, ~~re-examinations~~ and any tests required under the Public Hospitals Act will be provided by the Hospital in compliance with the Regulations. The nurse may choose her or his personal physician for all such examinations, except the ~~pre-employment~~ medical, unless the Hospital has a specific objection to the physician selected.
- 18.05 Current provisions in Collective Agreements relating to the provision of x-rays, laboratory work, immunization injections, gamma globulin and other programs shall be continued.
- 18.06 Prior to effecting any changes in rules or policies which affect nurses covered by this Agreement, the Hospital will discuss the changes with the Association and provide copies to the Association.
- 18.07 Influenza Vaccine
- The parties agree that influenza vaccinations may be beneficial for patients and nurses. Upon a recommendation pertaining to a facility or a specifically designated area(s) thereof from the Medical Officer of Health or in

compliance with applicable provincial legislation, the following rules will apply:

- (a) Nurses shall, subject to the following, be required to be vaccinated for influenza.
- (b) If the full cost of such medication is not covered by some other source, the Hospital will pay the full or incremental cost for the vaccine and will endeavour to offer vaccinations during a nurse's working hours. In addition, nurses will be provided with information, including risks and side effects, regarding the vaccine.
- (c) Hospitals recognize that nurses have the right to refuse any required vaccination.
- (d) If a nurse refuses to take the vaccine required under this provision, she or he may be placed on an unpaid leave of absence during any influenza outbreak in the hospital until such time as the nurse is cleared to return to work. If a nurse is placed on unpaid leave, she or he can use banked lieu time or vacation credits in order to keep her or his pay whole.
- (e) If a nurse refuses to take the vaccine because it is medically contraindicated, and where a medical certificate is provided to this effect, she or he will be reassigned during the outbreak period, unless reassignment is not possible, in which case the nurse will be paid. It is further understood and agreed that Article 18.04 applies in these circumstances. It is further agreed that any such reassignment will not adversely impact the scheduled hours of other nurses.
- (f) If a nurse gets sick as a result of the vaccination, and applies for WSIB, the Hospital will not **oppose** the claim.
- (g) Notwithstanding the above, the Hospital may offer the vaccine on a voluntary basis to nurses free of charge.
- (h) This clause shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.

#### ARTICLE 19 - COMPENSATION

Articles 19.01(a) and (d) apply to nurses only

- 19.01 (a) The salary rates in effect during the term of the Agreement shall be those set forth in Appendix 3 attached to and forming part of this Agreement. The monthly wage schedule for a full-time Registered

Nurse and the regular straight time hourly rates for all regular and casual part-time registered nurses at hospitals shall be as follows:

Classification - Registered Nurse

Effective April 1, 1998

Start	18.67	3033.88
1 Year	19.60	3185.00
2 Years	20.38	3311.75
3 Years	21.45	3485.63
4 Years	22.51	3657.88
5 Years	23.58	3831.75
6 Years	24.92	4049.50
7 Years	26.24	4264.00
8 Years	27.58	4481.75
9 Years	28.93	4701.13

Effective April 1, 1999

Start	19.04	3094.00
1 Year	20.00	3250.00
2 Years	20.79	3378.38
3 Years	21.88	3555.50
4 Years	22.96	3731.00
5 Years	24.05	3908.13
6 Years	25.42	4130.75
7 Years	26.77	4350.13
8 Years	28.13	4571.13
9 Years	29.51	4795.38

Effective date of Ratification

Start	20.00	3250.00
1 Year	20.79	3378.38
2 Years	21.88	3555.50
3 Years	<b>22.96</b>	3731.00
4 Years	24.05	3908.13
5 Years	25.42	4130.75
6 Years	26.77	4350.13
7 Years	28.13	4571.13
8 Years	29.51	4795.38

Effective April 1, 2000

Start	20.50	3331.25
1 Year	21.31	3462.88
2 Years	22.43	3644.88
3 Years	23.54	3825.25
4 Years	24.66	4007.25
5 Years	26.05	4233.13
6 Years	27.44	4459.00
7 Years	28.84	4686.50
8 Years	30.24	4914.00

NOTE 1: The above adjustments resolve the issue of Pay Equity maintenance to date, and the parties further agree that future collective bargaining settlements or awards will be deemed to resolve any future issues related to Pay Equity maintenance without any specific reference to male comparators. It is understood and agreed that the parties will take into consideration the issue of pay equity when tabling proposals through the normal course of collective bargaining.

(Articles 19.01(b) and 19.01 (c) apply to part-time nurses only)

- (b) The hourly salary rates, inclusive of the percentage in lieu of fringe benefits in effect during the term of this Agreement for all regular and casual part-time nurses shall be those calculated in accordance with the following formula:

Applicable straight time hourly rate + 13%.

- (c) The hourly salary rates payable to a regular or casual part-time nurse include compensation in lieu of all fringe benefits which are paid to full-time nurses except those specifically provided to part-time nurses in this Agreement. It is understood and agreed that holiday pay is included within the percentage in lieu of fringe benefits. It is further understood and agreed that pension is included within the percentage in lieu of fringe benefits. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all part-time nurses may, on a voluntary basis, enroll in the Hospital's Pension Plan when eligible in accordance with its terms and conditions. For part-time nurses who are members of the Pension Plan, the percentage in lieu of fringe benefits is nine percent (9%).

It is understood and agreed that the part-time nurse's hourly rate (or straight time hourly rate) in this Agreement does not include the additional 9% or 13%, as applicable, which is paid in lieu of fringe benefits and accordingly the 9% or 13%, as applicable, add on payment in lieu of fringe benefits will not be included for the purpose of computing any premium or overtime payments.

- (d) The parties agree to maintain the percentage differentials in the wage rates which presently exist between the classification of Registered Nurse and the other classifications which are covered by the Collective Agreement.

19.02 The Hospitals agree to provide the Union, by June 30, 1998, with all the information surrounding salary grids for the paramedical classifications.

The parties will then meet to negotiate a salary grid for these classifications. The central parties agree that any pay equity plan, including any maintenance agreements, with respect to paramedical employees will be provided to the Union.

Where the Association and the Hospital do not resolve the salary grid issue for the paramedical group, a grievance may be filed at Step No. 3 of the Grievance Procedure within seven (7) calendar days following any meeting.

If the matter is not resolved in the Grievance Procedure, it may be referred to Arbitration in accordance with Article 7.

Any change in the rate established by the Hospital either through meetings with the Association or by a Board of Arbitration shall be made retroactive.

19.03 A nurse in the employ of the Hospital who holds a Temporary or Provisional Certificate of Registration as a registered nurse and who obtains her or his General Certificate of Registration shall be given the salary of the Registered Nurse as provided in this Article effective the date the nurse presents proof of obtaining her or his General Certificate of Registration to the Chief Nursing Officer or her or his designate, or to the date of last hire whichever is later.

Note: Where an employee is in a position other than in a registered nursing position with duties and responsibilities which are subject to the ***Regulated Health Professions Act***, he or she shall be treated in a manner consistent with this Article.

**19.04** A nurse is required to present to the Chief Nursing Officer or designate on or before February 15<sup>th</sup> of each year evidence that her or his Certificate of Registration is in good standing and currently in effect. Such time will be extended for reasons where the College of Nurses of Ontario permits the nurse's Certificate of Registration to remain in effect. If the nurse's Certificate of Registration is suspended by the College of Nurses of Ontario for non-payment of the annual fee, the nurse will be placed on non-disciplinary suspension without pay. If the nurse presents evidence that her or his Certificate of Registration has been reinstated, she or he shall be reinstated to her or his position effective upon presenting such evidence. Failure to provide evidence within 90 calendar days of the nurse being placed on non-disciplinary suspension by the hospital will result in the nurse being deemed to be no longer qualified and the nurse shall be terminated from the employ of the Hospital. Such termination shall not be the subject of a grievance or arbitration.

Note: Where an employee is in a position other than in a registered nursing position with duties and responsibilities which are subject to the ***Regulated Health Professions Act***, he or she shall be treated in a manner consistent with this Article.

**19.05** (a) A nurse who is promoted to a higher rated classification within the bargaining unit will be placed on the level of the salary schedule of the higher rated classification so that the nurse shall receive no less an increase in salary than the equivalent of one step in the salary range of the previous classification (provided that it does not exceed the salary range of the classification to which the nurse has been promoted) and the nurse shall retain her or his service review date for purposes of wage progression. For the purpose of this Article, promotion shall be defined as a move from one classification to another classification with a higher salary grid and shall not include a change of status to Registered Nurse when a nurse who holds a Temporary or Provisional Certificate of Registration obtains her or his General Certificate of Registration. A nurse who is moved to a lower rated classification will be placed at the level on the grid, if any, which most closely recognizes her or his experience level on the other grid. (The last two sentences apply to nurses only).

Note: Where an employee is in a position other than in a registered nursing position with duties and responsibilities which are subject to the ***Regulated Health Professions Act***, he or she shall be treated in a manner consistent with this Article.

- (b) Where the Hospital temporarily assigns a Registered Staff Nurse to carry out the assigned responsibilities of a higher classification (whether or not such classification is included in the bargaining unit) for a period of one (1) full tour or more, at times when the incumbent in any ~~such~~ classification would otherwise be working, the nurse shall be paid a premium of one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) per hour for such duty in addition to her or his regular salary. The Hospital agrees that it will not make work assignments which will violate the purpose and intent of this provision.
- (c) A nurse who holds a Temporary or Provisional Certificate of Registration as a Registered Nurse who obtains a General Certificate of Registration shall be placed on the level in the Registered Nurse's salary grid which represents an increase in salary.

Note: Where an employee is in a position other than in a registered nursing position with duties and responsibilities which are subject to the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, he or she shall be treated in a manner consistent with this Article.

(d) Group, Unit or Team Leader

Whenever an employee is assigned additional responsibility to direct, supervise or oversee work of employees within her or his classification, and/or be assigned overall responsibility for patient care on the unit, ward, or area, for a tour of duty, the employee shall be paid a premium of seventy cents (70¢) per hour in addition to her or his regular salary and applicable premium allowance.

**19.06** (Article 19.06 (a) and 19.06 (b) apply to full-time nurses only)

- (a) Claim for recent ~~related~~ clinical experience, if any, shall be made in writing by the nurse at the time of hiring on the application for employment form or otherwise. Once established consistent with this provision, credit for recent related experience will be retroactive to the nurse's date of hire. The nurse shall co-operate with the Hospital by providing verification of previous experience so that her or his recent related clinical experience may be determined and evaluated during her or his probationary period. Having established the recent related clinical experience, the Hospital will credit a new nurse with one (1) annual service increment for each year of experience up to the maximum of the salary grid.

If a period of more than two (2) years has elapsed since the nurse has occupied a full-time or a part-time nursing position, then the number of increments to be paid, if any, shall be at the discretion of the

Hospital. The Hospital may also give effect to part-time nursing experience in special circumstances.

(Article 19.06 (b) applies to part-time nurses only)

- (b) Claim for recent related clinical experience, if any, shall be made in writing by the part-time nurse at the time of hiring on the application for employment form or otherwise. Once established consistent with this provision, credit for recent related experience will be retroactive to the nurse's date of hire. The part-time nurse shall co-operate with the Hospital by providing verification of previous experience so that her or his recent related clinical experience may be determined and evaluated during her or his probationary period. Having established the recent related clinical experience, the Hospital will credit a new part-time nurse with one ~~(1)~~ annual service increment for each year of experience (calculated pursuant to the formula set out in Article 16.03) up to the maximum of the salary grid.

If a period of more than two (2) years has elapsed since the nurse has occupied a full-time or a part-time nursing position, then the number of increments to be paid, if any, shall be at the discretion of the hospital.

19.07

- (a) Each full-time nurse will be advanced from her or his present level to the next level set out in the Salary Schedule, twelve ~~(1)~~ months after she or he was last advanced on her or his service review date. If a full-time nurse's absence without pay from the Hospital exceeds thirty ~~(30)~~ continuous calendar days during each twelve (12) month period, the nurse's service review date will be extended by the length of such absence in excess of thirty ~~(30)~~ continuous calendar days.
- (b) Each regular part-time nurse will be advanced from her or his present level on the salary schedule to the next level on the salary schedule after obtaining one year's service credit, calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 10.03.
- (c) Effective November 15, 1985 casual part-time nurses will be placed on the salary grid in accordance with their service, such service to be calculated in accordance with the seniority calculation set out in Article 10.02. Casual part-time nurses will then advance on the grid in the same manner as regular part-time nurses. ( This clause applies to nurses only).

19.08

- (a) A part-time employee whose status is altered to full-time in the same position will assume her or his same level on the full-time grid. A full-time employee whose status is altered to part-time in the same position will assume her or his same level on the part-time grid. In



addition, an employee who is so transferred will be given credit for service accumulated since the date of last advancement.

- (b) A casual part-time employee whose status is altered to regular part-time or vice versa in the same position will assume her or his same level on the grid. In addition, a casual part-time employee who is so transferred will be given credit for service accumulated since the date of last advancement.

19.09

- (a) When a new classification in the bargaining unit is established by the Hospital or the Hospital makes a substantial change in the job content of an existing classification which in reality causes such classification to become a new classification, the Hospital shall advise the Association of such new or changed classification and the rate of pay established. If requested, the Hospital agrees to meet with the Association to permit it to make representations with respect to the appropriate rate of pay providing any such meeting shall not delay the implementation of the new classification. Where the Association challenges the rate established by the Hospital and the matter is not resolved following any meeting with the Association, a grievance may be filed at Step No. 2 of the Grievance Procedure within seven (7) calendar days following any meeting. If the matter is not resolved in the Grievance Procedure, it may be referred to Arbitration in accordance with Article 7, it being understood that any Arbitration Board shall be limited to establishing an appropriate rate based on the relationship existing amongst other nursing classifications within the Hospital and duties and responsibilities involved.

Any change in the rate established by the Hospital either through meetings with the Association or by a Board of Arbitration shall be made retroactive to the time at which the new or changed classification was first filled.

- (b) If a nurse becomes disabled with the result that she or he is unable to carry out the regular functions of her or his position, the Hospital may establish a special classification and salary with the hope of providing an opportunity for continued employment.

19.10

#### Education Allowance

Provisions in existing Collective Agreements providing for educational allowances shall be continued in effect.

19.11

All provisions except the general wage increase are effective date of ratification, save and except the changes to the insured benefits which will be effective as soon as practicably possible, but no later than March 1, 2000.

Retroactivity will be paid on the basis of hours paid within four **full** pay periods (approximately 8 weeks) ~~of~~ the date of ratification. Retroactive pay will be paid on a separate cheque where the existing payroll system allows.

Where the existing payroll system does not allow for such separate cheque, the Hospital may pay retroactivity as part of the regular pay. In such circumstances, the Hospital undertakes that the rate of income tax on the retroactivity will not change unless the retroactive pay changes the employee's annual tax bracket.

The Hospital will contact former employees at their last known address on record with the hospital, with a copy to the union, within 30 days of the date of ratification to advise them ~~of~~ their entitlement to retroactivity.

Such employees will have a period of 60 days from the date of the notice to claim such retroactivity and, if they fail to make a claim within the 60 day period, their claim will be deemed to be abandoned.

## ARTICLE 20 - JOB SHARING

**20.01** Job sharing is defined as an arrangement whereby **two** or more nurses share the hours of work of what would otherwise be one full-time position.

If the Hospital and the Association agree to a job sharing arrangement, the introduction or discontinuance of such job sharing arrangements will be determined locally.

Once the Hospital has determined that a vacancy exists and the Hospital and the Association have agreed to a job sharing arrangement, the vacancy or vacancies to be posted will be determined locally and will be filled in accordance with Article 10.06.

The nurses involved in a job sharing arrangement **will** be classified as regular part-time and will be covered by the provisions of this agreement applicable to part-time nurses.

## ARTICLE 21 - SUPERIOR CONDITIONS

**21.01** **All** existing benefits, rights, privileges, practices, terms or conditions of employment which may be considered to be superior to those contained herein and which are set out in Appendix 4 are specifically retained by this Agreement unless otherwise agreed by the **local** parties.

The parties agree to remove from Appendix 4 those superior conditions which no longer have application.

Where the parties cannot agree on whether a superior condition continues to have application, the issue will be reduced to a grievance and referred to arbitration.

- 21.02 The Association and the Participating Hospitals agree to establish a committee consisting of ~~two~~ (2) representatives of the Association and ~~two~~ (2) representatives of the Participating Hospitals to review the superior conditions appendices in each of the participating hospitals. This committee will report to their respective negotiating committees prior to the next round ~~of~~ central negotiations.

## ARTICLE 22 - DURATION

- 22.01 ~~This~~ Agreement shall continue in effect until March 31, 2001 and shall remain in effect from year to year thereafter unless either party gives the other party written notice of termination ~~or~~ desire to amend the Agreement.
- 22.02 Notice that amendments are required ~~or~~ that either party desires to terminate this Agreement may only be given within a period ~~of~~ ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date of this Agreement or to any anniversary ~~of~~ such expiration date.
- 22.03 If notice of amendment or termination is given by either party, the other ~~party~~ agrees to meet for the purpose of negotiation within thirty (30) days after the giving ~~of~~ notice, ~~if~~ requested to do so.
- 22.04 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in the event the parties to this Agreement agree to negotiate for its renewal through the process of central bargaining, the Participating Hospitals and the Ontario Nurses' Association will meet to determine the procedures to be followed.

## ARTICLE 23

- 23.01 Attached hereto and forming part of this Agreement are the following appendices and Letters ~~of~~ Understanding
1. Joint Central Committee
  2. Payment for Bargaining Unit President
  3. Professional Responsibility Complaint
  4. Joint Benefits Review Sub-committee
- Appendix 1 - O.N.A. Grievance Form

- Appendix 2 - List of Professional Responsibility Assessment Committee - Chairpersons**
- Appendix 3 - Salary Schedule**
- Appendix 4 - Superior Conditions - If Any**
- Appendix 5 - Appendix of Local Provisions**
- Appendix 6 - O.N.A. Professional Responsibility Complaint Form**

APPENDIX 1 - Grievance Form to be inserted here.

APPENDIX 2LIST OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITYASSESSMENT COMMITTEE - IAIRI

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|--|--|
| 1. Lynne Taylor<br>Vice President<br>Patient Services<br>Queensway-Carleton Hospital<br>Ottawa   | 5. Mrs. Maxine Pastirik<br>Niagara College of Applied Arts<br>& Technology<br>Welland                            |
| 2. Mrs. Patricia Lang<br>Vice-president, Academic<br>Georgian College<br>Barrie  | 6. Ms. Darlene Steven<br>Associate Professor<br>School of Nursing<br>Lakehead University<br>Thunder Bay          |
| 3. Ms. Louise Lemieux-Charles<br>Asst. Prof. & Program Director<br>HMRU, Dept. of Health Admin.<br>Faculty of Medicine<br>University of Toronto<br>Toronto | 7. Pat Hall<br>Principal Chair<br>Seneca College<br>Toronto  |
| 4. Ms. Patricia Mandy<br>Vice President, Community Health<br>Hamilton Health Sciences Centre<br>Hamilton   | 8. Ms. Donna Tremblay<br>Dean, Health Sciences<br>Sault College of Applied Arts & Technology<br>Sault Ste. Marie |

LETTERS OF UNDERSTANDING

**Short Shifts, Modified Work, Job Sharing and Payment for Bargaining Unit President**

The parties agree that the issues of short shifts (including the issue of premium payments for hours worked after scheduled hours on short shifts), modified work and job sharing are local issues.

Any issues around payment for a Bargaining Unit President or designate including payment to attend joint Employer Union meetings outside of their regularly scheduled hours are local issues.

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**Joint Central Committee**

The parties agree to form a Joint Central Committee to discuss issues of mutual interest and benefit to the Hospitals and the Association. The Committee will discuss issues including but not restricted to a Clinical Advancement System for nurses and support for new graduates entering the nursing profession.

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**Letter to Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan (HOOPP) Regarding Surplus for Retirees' Benefits**

The parties hereby request that the Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan (HOOPP) explore ways and means whereby the pension plan's surplus may be utilized to fund benefits (EHC, Dental, Life and Semi-Private) for retired nurses.

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**Re: Joint Benefits Review Sub-Committee**

The parties agree to refer the following matters to the Benefits Review Sub-Committee referenced in Article 17.09:

- i) the maximum age dependents eligible for benefit coverage;
- ii) the terms and application of the Hospitals of Ontario Disability Income Plan brochure(s) currently in effect;
- iii) Consideration of alternative options for sick leave provision.

The Committee will undertake to meet within six (6) months of the date of ratification.

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**Re: Professional Responsibility clause**

The parties hereby agree to meet within six (6) months of ratification/award to update the list of professional Responsibility Assessment Committee Chairpersons, to discuss possible revisions to Appendix 6 and to discuss the guidelines for the Chair of the Professional Responsibility Assessment Committee.

DATED AT TORONTO, ONTARIO, THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH 2000.

FOR THE ASSOCIATION

Dan Anderson  
Linda Haslam-Stroud  
Lesley Bell  
Linda Lachance  
Barb Wahl  
Donna Bain  
Sylvia Blanchard  
Jo Anne Shannon  
Valerie MacDonald  
Debbie McCrank  
Carolyn Prepp  
Catherine Lies-Peck  
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Robert J. Bass  
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Sylvia Halliday  
Bronwen Morgan  
Ursula Verstraete  
Richard Kelly  
Judith Skelton-Green  
Randy Belair  
Dan McPherson



DATED at Hamilton ONTARIO, this 19 day of Feb. 2000 <sup>1st</sup> <sup>5/1</sup>

**FOR THE HOSPITAL**

*Y. Schaefer*  
*Li Baird*

*James Humphrey*  
~~*Rita Croff*~~

**FOR THE UNION**

*Karin S. Bernhardt*  
*Alma Lockhart*

*Rita Croff-Ryck*  
*W. White*

**COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Hospital")**

**AND**

**ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")**

**Expiry: March 31, 2001**

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**APPENDIX 3****Effective April 1, 1998**

Registered Nurse 1	Hourly	Annually	Registered Nurse 2	Hourly	Annually
Start	18.67	36406.50	Start	20.21	39409.50
Year 1	19.60	38220.00	Year 1	21.28	41496.00
Year 2	20.38	39741.00	Year 2	22.15	43192.50
Year 3	21.45	41827.50	Year 3	23.37	45571.50
Year 4	22.51	43894.50	Year 4	24.56	47892.00
Year 5	23.58	45981.00	Year 5	25.73	50173.50
Year 6	24.92	48594.00	Year 6	27.19	53020.50
Year 7	26.24	51168.00	Year 7	28.66	55887.00
Year 8	27.58	53781.00	Year 8	30.12	58734.00
Year 9	28.93	56413.50	Year 9	31.57	61561.50

Registered Nurse 3	Hourly	Annually	Non-Registered Nurse	Hourly	Annually
Start	21.76	42432.00	Start	17.92	34944.00
Year 1	22.91	44674.50	Year 1	18.82	36699.00
Year 2	23.89	46585.50	Year 2	19.61	38239.50
Year 3	25.20	49140.00			
Year 4	26.52	51714.00			
Year 5	27.80	54210.00			
Year 6	29.40	57330.00			
Year 7	30.98	60411.00			
Year 8	32.54	63453.00			
Year 9	34.12	66534.00			

**Effective April 1, 1999**

Registered Nurse 1	Hourly	Annually	Registered Nurse 2	Hourly	Annually
Start	19.04	37128.00	Start	20.61	40189.50
Year 1	20.00	39000.00	Year 1	21.72	42354.00
Year 2	20.79	40540.50	Year 2	22.60	44070.00
Year 3	21.88	42666.00	Year 3	23.84	46488.00
Year 4	22.96	44772.00	Year 4	25.05	48847.50
Year 5	24.05	46897.50	Year 5	26.24	51168.00
Year 6	25.42	49569.00	Year 6	27.74	54093.00
Year 7	26.77	52201.50	Year 7	29.24	57018.00
Year 8	28.13	54853.50	Year 8	30.72	59904.00
Year 9	29.51	57544.50	Year 9	32.21	62809.50

Effective April 1, 1999 (continued)

Registered Nurse 3	Hourly	Annually	Non-Registered Nurse	Hourly	Annually
Start	22.19	43270.50	Start	18.27	35626.50
Year 1	23.38	45591.00	Year 1	19.21	37459.50
Year 2	24.37	47521.50	Year 2	20.01	39019.50
Year 3	25.71	50134.50			
Year 4	27.05	52747.50			
Year 5	28.36	55302.00			
Year 6	29.99	58480.50			
Year 7	31.61	61639.50			
Year 8	33.19	64720.50			
Year 9	34.81	67879.50			

Effective April 1, 2000

Registered Nurse 1	Hourly	Annually	Registered Nurse 2	Hourly	Annually
Start	20.50	39975.00	Start	22.19	43270.50
Year 1	21.31	41554.50	Year 1	23.14	45123.00
Year 2	22.43	43738.50	Year 2	24.38	47541.00
Year 3	23.54	45903.00	Year 3	25.64	49998.00
Year 4	24.66	48087.00	Year 4	26.91	52474.50
Year 5	26.05	50797.50	Year 5	28.43	55438.50
Year 6	27.44	53508.00	Year 6	29.94	58383.00
Year 7	28.84	56238.00	Year 7	31.50	61425.00
Year 8	30.24	58968.00	Year 8	33.02	64389.00

  

Registered Nurse 3	Hourly	Annually	Non-Registered Nurse	Hourly	Annually
Start	23.89	46585.50	Start	19.67	38356.50
Year 1	24.91	48574.50	Year I	20.47	39916.50
Year 2	26.29	51265.50	Year 2	21.59	42100.50
Year 3	27.66	53937.00			
Year 4	29.05	56647.50			
Year 5	30.71	59884.50			
Year 6	32.37	63121.50			
Year 7	34.05	66397.50			
Year 8	35.68	69576.00			

Ratification 2000 Rates

Registered Nurse 1	Hourly	Annually	Registered Nurse 2	Hourly	Annually
Start	20.00	39000.00	Start	21.65	42217.50
Year 1	20.79	40540.00	Year 1	22.57	44011.50
Year 2	21.88	42666.00	Year 2	23.79	46390.50
Year 3	22.96	44772.00	Year 3	25.01	48769.50
Year 4	24.05	46897.50	Year 4	26.24	51168.00
Year 5	25.42	49569.00	Year 5	27.74	54093.00
Year 6	26.77	52201.50	Year 6	29.21	56959.50
Year 7	28.13	54853.50	Year 7	30.72	59904.00
Year 8	29.51	57544.50	Year 8	32.23	62848.50
Registered Nurse 3	Hourly	Annually	Non-Registered Nurse	Hourly	Annually
Start	23.31	45454.50	Start	19.19	37420.50
Year 1	24.31	47404.50	Year 1	19.97	38941.50
Year 2	25.65	50017.50	Year 2	21.06	41067.00
Year 3	26.98	52611.00			
Year 4	28.33	55243.50			
Year 5	29.97	58441.50			
Year 6	31.58	61581.00			
Year 7	33.21	64759.50			
Year 8	34.81	67879.50			

**APPENDIX 4****SUPERIOR CONDITIONS**

The following provisions in existence in the Collective Agreement which expired September 30, 1980, shall be retained as "Superior Benefits".

**ASSOCIATION SECURITY** - (Full-time and Part-time)**Article 6.01** (last sentence)

As an assistance to the Association, addresses of nurse members will be forwarded to the Association semi-annually unless specifically requested by a nurse not to provide such address. (Include in Article 5.05 of current Collective Agreement).

**VACATION** (Full-time and Part-time)

Article 14.01 (a)(iv) Head Nurses, Evening and Night Supervisors and Clinicians will be entitled to vacation with pay at the rate of four **(4)** weeks per year from date of appointment.

**SICK LEAVE PAYOUT**

For purposes of payout of accumulated sick leave credits as provided for in Article 12.03, the following provisions shall apply.

A nurse shall, on termination of employment, receive unused sick leave credits at the current rate of pay on the following basis:

<u>After Years of Service</u>	<u>Entitlement</u>
2 years	50%
5 years	55 %
10 years	65 %
15 years	75 %
20 years	100 %

In the event of the death of a nurse prior to termination of employment, her estate representative is entitled to receive payment of the gratuity calculated to the above date of death.

- (a) Written notice of **two (2)** weeks is given to the Hospital where possible;
- (b) Not more than three (3) employees shall be absent on such leave at the same time.

**ARTICLE G - HOURS OF WORK – SCHEDULING** (Full-Time and Part-Time)

**G-1** The hours of work as provided for in Article 13 shall be worked in accordance with tour schedules as determined by the Hospital.

- (a) The Hospital shall post working schedules at least four (4) weeks in advance which shall accord with the following requirements:

- i) An employee shall be scheduled off **50%** of the weekends in **her/his** nursing department schedule.

A weekend off is defined as **fifty-six (56)** consecutive hours from the last shift worked on Friday until the first shift worked on the Monday.

An employee shall receive premium payment in accordance with Article 14.03 for all hours worked on the third (3rd) consecutive weekend worked or for each weekend she works in excess of **50%** of the weekends in the nursing department schedule. An employee's scheduled weekend will not be cancelled by the Employer unless mutually agreed between the Employer and the employee, to avoid premium payment in accordance with Article 14.03. This overtime payment shall apply for every subsequent weekend worked until such weekend off is scheduled **EXCEPT WHERE:**

- 1) Such employee requests weekend work
  - 2) Such weekend is worked as a result **of** an exchange of hours with another employee
  - 3) Such weekend has been worked by an employee to satisfy days **off** requested by such employee
- ii) Not more than seven (7) consecutive working days shall be scheduled without days **off** except by mutual consent with the understanding that regular part-time employees may be scheduled three (3) to four (4) shifts or more by mutual consent.
  - iii) Not less than sixteen (16) consecutive hours off between changes in shifts.



- iv) An employee requesting afternoon or night shifts on a permanent basis may at the discretion of the Hospital, be granted such a request.
- v) The schedule may be altered and these principles temporarily suspended by the Hospital in times of emergency.
- vi) Requests for direct shift exchanges must be submitted in writing to the Program Director or designate and **co-signed** by the employee willing to exchange days off or tours of duty and approved. Approval may be attained either in writing or verbally. Such exchanges will not result in the payment of premium pay.
- vii) Scheduling provisions for General Duty Staff Employees, as set out in Article **G**, may be waived between December 15 and January 10 to allow each employee five (5) consecutive days off. These shall include ~~two~~ of the following days:

December 24, 25, 26, 31, January 1.

An employee may request to be scheduled for **less** than five (5) consecutive days off. Assignment of time ~~off~~ to be determined by personal choice, and time off the previous year. These factors being equal, seniority shall prevail.

Schedules for the period will be posted by November 15.

- viii) 1) The present hours of work for the majority **of** full-time and part-time general duty employees are:
  - 2300 hours to 0700 hours
  - 0700 hours to 1500 hours
  - 1500 hours to 2300 hours
- 2) An employee or a group of employees' presently established hours of work shall only be changed after discussion of the reason for the change with the employee or employees involved and the Association. Such a change shall be made with due consideration of the wishes of the **employee(s)** involved and the hospital's operational requirements.

**G-9**

The night **shift** shall be the first shift of the day.

APPENDIX 5ENDIX OF LOCAL PROVISIONSARTICLE A – RECOGNITION (Full-Time and Part-Time)

A-1 The Hospital recognizes the Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for all registered and graduate nurses employed by St. Peter's Hospital, Hamilton, Ontario in a nursing capacity save and except three (3) Assistant Directors of Nursing and persons above such rank.

Effective December 18, 1986

The Hospital recognizes the Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for all registered and graduate nurses employed by St. Peter's Hospital, Hamilton, Ontario, in a nursing capacity save and except Nurse Managers, the Manager of Day Hospital, and three (3) Assistant Directors of Nursing and persons above that rank.

Note: The titles of Nurse Manager and Manager of Day Hospital have been changed to Program Director and Assistant Directors of Nursing to Director, Nursing Practice

ARTICLE B - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS (Full-Time and Part-Time)

B-1 The Association recognizes that the Hospital retains rights to management save insofar as they are modified by this agreement or by statute. This would include:

- (a) Generally to manage and operate its Hospital in all respects and, without in any way restricting the generality of the foregoing, to determine the kinds, location and number of the Hospital's establishments, the services to be rendered, the methods, the work procedures, the kinds and locations of machines, instruments and equipment to be used; to select, control and direct the use of all materials and facilities required in the operation of the Hospital's establishments; to schedule the work and services to be performed and provided, and to make, alter and enforce reasonable regulations governing the use of all material, facilities and services as may be deemed necessary in the interest of the safety and well-being of the patients in its hospitals and the public and staff.
- (b) To maintain order, discipline and efficiency, and to make, alter and enforce reasonable rules and regulations to be observed by the employees..
- (c) To hire, retire, classify, direct, promote, transfer, discipline, suspend or discharge employees; to assign employees to shifts, and to increase and decrease the working forces, provided that a claim by any employee of

discriminatory retirement, transfer, demotion, discipline, suspension or discharge without just cause may become the subject of a grievance and be dealt with as hereinafter provided.

B-2 These rights shall not be exercised in an arbitrary manner by the Hospital and shall be consistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE C - ASSOCIATION SECURITY** (Full-Time and Part-Time)

C-1 The interview of newly-hired employees as provided for in Article 5.06 shall take place during the orientation period.

**ARTICLE D - REPRESENTATION AND COMMITTEES** (Full-Time and Part-Time)

The parties agree that Nurse Representatives and Committee members as provided for in Article 6 may be full-time or part-time employees and shall represent both the full-time and part-time employees. Representatives and Committee members are as follows:

D-1 Nurse Representatives  
There shall be seven (7) employee representatives from different areas of the Hospital.

D-2 Grievance Committee  
This committee shall be composed of three (3) employees.

D-3 Hospital Association Committee  
This committee shall be composed of up to four (4) employee representatives, but not more than one (1) employee representative from any nursing unit.

D-4 Negotiating Committee  
This committee shall be composed of four (4) employee representatives.

**ARTICLE E - SENIORITY LIST** (Full-Time and Part-Time)

E-1 Seniority lists as provided for in Article 10.02 will be revised quarterly in January, April, July and October and posted.

**ARTICLE F - LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR UNION BUSINESS** (Full-Time and Part-Time)

F-1 Leave of absence for Union business as provided for in Article 11.02 shall be given up to a total of forty (40) days during any calendar year, provided that:

**ARTICLE H - PAID HOLIDAYS****H-1**            Full-time and Part-time

The following days shall be recognized as paid holidays:

New Year's Day	Civic Holiday
Second Monday in February	Labour Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Easter Monday	Second Monday in November
Victoria Day	Christmas Day
Canada Day/July 1	Boxing Day

The Employer shall only be required to pay the premium rate for July 1.

**H-2**            Full-Time

Lieu days as provided for in Articles 15.04 (a), (b), and 15.05 shall be given within thirty (30) days of the day on which the holiday is observed. Lieu days will be scheduled where possible with regular days off. Up to three (3) lieu days per year may be scheduled at the request of the employee at mutually agreed times subject to reasonable notice being given and that such scheduling will not:

- (a) create an overtime payment;
- (b) be taken on an already designated statutory holiday or during the Christmas, New Year's season.

**H-3**            A tour that begins or ends during the twenty-four (24) hour period of the above holidays where the majority of hours worked falls within the holiday, shall be deemed to be work performed on the holiday for the full period of the tour

**ARTICLE I – VACATION**      (Full-Time and Part-Time)

**I-1**            For the purpose of calculating vacation and eligibility, the vacation year shall be from July 1st of any year to June 30th of the following year, and may be taken any time from January 1st to December 31st of the current year.

**I-2**            Vacation may be taken at any time of the year by mutual agreement of the employee concerned and the Hospital.

Employees affected by the Christmas and New Year's Holiday schedule in G(8) shall not generally be granted vacation between December 15th and January 10th. However, consideration will be given to requests during this period on an individual basis.

**I-3**            Seniority standing shall be a factor in scheduling vacation period but seniority will only apply to one choice of vacation period.

- I-4 All requests for vacation shall be submitted to the immediate Supervisor by March 15th of each year. The Hospital will post vacation schedules by April 30th each year.
- I-5 Vacation entitlement for Head Nurses, Evening and Night Supervisor and Clinicians shall be as per Appendix "4".
- I-6 All employees shall be entitled to carry over up to a maximum of one **(1)** week of vacation from one year to the next, contingent upon the details contained in the Nursing Division Vacation Policy.
- I-7 Vacation for regular part time Registered Nurses shall be taken in a week block. Requests for single days off may be requested as unpaid leave of absences.

#### ARTICLE J - PERMANENT RELIEF NURSES AVAILABILITY

- J-1 Regular part-time employees who are employed on a "Permanent Relief" basis shall be available to work as follows:
- (a) at least **two (2)** tours on each of **six (6)** dates. Evenly divided D/E and D/N determined by seniority.
  - (b) three (3) out of six **(6)** weekends or more if the employee agrees.
  - (c) at least six **(6)** paid holidays, including at least **two (2)** consecutive days of the following:  
  
December **24, 25, 26, 31**, January **1**.  
  
Assignment of time off to be determined by personal choice and time off the previous year. These factors being equal, seniority shall prevail.
  - (d) All articles of the part-time collective agreement shall apply to employees classified as Permanent Relief.
- J-2 A weekend off is defined as fifty-six (56) consecutive hours from the last shift worked on Friday until the first shift worked on the Monday.

#### ARTICLE K - GENERAL (Full-Time and Part-Time)

- K-1 The Hospital will provide bulletin board space for the purpose of posting notices regarding meetings and other matters restricted to Association matters. All such notices must be signed by a designated member of the Association.

- K-2 Uniform allowances of One Dollar and Twenty-Five Cents (\$1.25) per week will be paid to those employees who were employed prior to July 1st, 1975, but shall not be paid to those employees hired after July 1st, 1975.
- K-3 The Hospital will notify the Bargaining Unit President of the names of all employees off work due to injury, illness and or disability.
- K-4 Prior to any employee returning to work on the Work Rehabilitation Programme, the Hospital will notify the Bargaining Unit President, and provide an opportunity for discussion.
- K-5 The Employer agrees to supply the O.N.A. representative to the Occupational Health and Safety Committee with a copy of the Employer's Report of Accidental Injury or Industrial Disease (Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's Form 7 or Employer's own form, containing the same information), at the same time as it is sent to the Board.

The Employer is prepared to discuss any problems on the form with the injured employee and the Occupational Health and Safety O.N.A. Representative.

#### **PRE-PAID LEAVE PLAN**

The maximum number of employees that may be absent at any one time shall be three (3).

Dated at Hamilton, Ontario, this 19 day of February, 2001.

FOR THE EMPLOYER

G. Gayer

G. Baird

James Humphrey

FOR THE UNION

Kim S. Bernhardt  
Labour Relations Officer

A. Kockhart RN

Rita Cioppi Reg N

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**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING**

Between:

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL

And:

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION

RE: Extended Tour

1. The purpose of this letter is to vary certain terms of the Collective Agreement for the implementation and discontinuation of an extended tour schedule. With the exception of specific variations set forth in this letter, all other conditions and terms of the Collective Agreement shall remain in force and effect.
2. An extended tour shall be introduced into any schedule when:
  - i) a nurse requests to work an extended tour schedule and,
  - ii) the Hospital agrees to implement the extended tour in the schedule, or
  - iii) the Hospital determines to implement an extended tour schedule for a vacant position before it is posted. The Association will be informed and provided an opportunity for discussion.
3. An extended tour may be discontinued on any schedule when:
  - i) a majority of the employees working the extended tour in the nursing department schedules request the change or
  - ii) the Hospital because of:
    - (a) adverse effects on patient care, or
    - (b) inability to provide a workable staffing schedule, or
    - (c) where the Hospital wishes to do so for other reasons which are neither unreasonable nor arbitrary states its intention to discontinue the extended tour on the schedule, may do so upon 60 days notice.
4. An employee shall not be required to work more than three (3) consecutive days without days off except by mutual written consent. If a nurse is required to work more than three (3) consecutive days without written consent, the Hospital will pay the nurse premium payment in accordance with Article 14.03 of the Collective Agreement for every consecutive day worked following the third consecutive day worked.



- 5. At least one weekend off in ~~two~~ (2) shall be scheduled and more frequently where possible. An employee will receive premium payment, in accordance with Article 14.03 of the Collective Agreement, for all hours worked on the second consecutive weekend and for every consecutive weekend worked following the second consecutive weekend worked. Such shall not apply where:
  - i) such weekend has been worked by the employee to satisfy specific days off requested by such employee, or,
  - ii) such employee has requested weekend work, or
  - iii) such weekend ~~has~~ been worked as the result of an exchange of shifts with another employee.
  
- 6. The scheduling requirements embodied in Article 13, Article 14 and Appendix 5, Article G of the Collective Agreement are waived during the transition period from a regular tour schedule to an extended tour schedule or vice-versa.
  
- 7. There shall be a minimum of twelve (12) hours scheduled off between tours of duty. Should the Hospital schedule less than twelve (12) hours between tours, the employee shall be paid premium payment in accordance with clause 14.03 of the Collective Agreement for the entire tour worked.
  
- 8. The schedule indicated above is the schedule referred to under Article G-1 in the Collective Agreement.
  
- 9. An employee who agrees to work an extended tour schedule, agrees to work in the position for at least a 60 day trial period before the schedule is changed back to regular tours.

Dated at Hamilton, Ontario, this 19 day of August, 2001.

FOR THE EMPLOYER

*[Signature]*  
*Co. J. Baird*  
*James Humphrey*  
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FOR THE UNION

*Kim S. Bernhardt*  
 Labour Relations Officer  
*[Signature]*  
*Rita Cioppa-Ryan*  
*[Signature]*

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING**

Between:

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL

And:

ONTARIO NURSES ASSOCIATION

RE: Job Sharing

1. It is understood and agreed that insofar as any provision of this letter is specifically in conflict with any provisions of the Full-Time or Part-Time Agreement, the provisions of this Article shall prevail.
2. Only full-time positions shall be considered for job sharing between two employees.
3. The Hospital has the undisputed right to designate and increase or decrease the full-time positions eligible to be deemed job sharing positions. There shall not be more than 9 job sharing positions in the Division of Nursing.
4. When the Hospital designates a full-time position to be considered a job sharing position, such position shall be posted and filled in accordance with Article 10.05 of the Part-Time Collective Agreement.
5. If a full-time employee wishes to job share her position, and the Hospital agrees to designate such position a job sharing position, the full-time employee will be assigned such job sharing position and the remaining vacant position will be posted and filled in accordance with Article 10.05 of the Part-Time Collective Agreement.
6. With the exception of paragraph 10 below, an employee once assigned a job sharing position, will be covered by the provisions of the Collective Agreement.
7. If an employee assigned a job sharing position successfully applies to a part-time or full-time position or is terminated in accordance with Article 10.05 of the Collective Agreement, and the Hospital decides to continue such job sharing position, the remaining employee shall remain assigned to such job sharing position and the vacant job sharing position will be posted and filled in accordance with Article 10.06 of the Collective Agreement. If there is no successful applicant to such job sharing position and the Hospital at its discretion reverts such position to a full-time position, such position will be posted as a permanent full-time position. The remaining employee will be assigned by the Hospital as regular part-time.

8. At the discretion of the Hospital, if a job sharing position is discontinued, an employee previously assigned such position shall be assigned as regular part-time.
9. For scheduling purposes only, the Hospital will schedule a job sharing position as a full-time position. An employee assigned a job sharing position will be expected to determine with her partner the shifts to be worked within such schedule. If there is any disagreement of shifts to be worked between an employee assigned a job sharing position and her partner, the Hospital will schedule such.
10. A job sharer's vacant hours of work resulting from vacation or an absence granted for a paid or unpaid leave of absence or sick leave, will be offered by the Hospital to the remaining employee assigned that job sharing position. The employee will contact the job sharing partner to work such hours. If the remaining employee agrees to work all or part of such hours, there will be no premium payments owed for such hours worked. If the employee is unable to contact the remaining employee or such employee refuses to work the vacant hours, the Hospital will schedule such hours in accordance with the Collective Agreement.
11. A job sharing position will be scheduled to work by the Hospital to either the Christmas Holiday or the New Year's Holiday. An employee assigned a job sharing position will be expected to determine with her partner who will work the Christmas Holiday or New Year's Holiday. If there is any disagreement of who will work the Christmas Holiday or the New Year's Holiday between an employee assigned a job sharing position and her partner, the Hospital will schedule such.

**LETTER OF UNDERS TANDING**

Between:

**ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL**

And:

**ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION**

**RE: Pay Cheque Errors**

The parties agree that where there is an error on an employee's pay cheque equivalent to 7.5 hours of her regular straight time pay or greater, the Hospital will correct the error and pay the employee within 4 working days.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING**

Between:

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL

And:

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION

The parties agree that should the Hospital employ Evening or Night Supervisors, an individual classification of Employee Health Nurse or Infection Control Co-ordinator, they will be bargaining unit positions and will be paid the same wage differentials as currently exist from the R.N., General Duty.

Dated at Hamilton, Ontario, this 19 day of February, 2001.

FOR THE EMPLOYER

*M. Sloan*

*C. J. Baird*

*J. C. Humphrey*

*[Signature]*

FOR THE UNION

*Kevin S. Bernhardt*  
Labour Relations Officer

*Rita Ciampi Reg. N*  
*Alma Lockhart*

*[Signature]*

**LETTER OF INTENT**

Between:

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL

And:

ONTARIO NURSES, ASSOCIATION

RE: Violence in the Workplace

The Employer, in collaboration with employees, agree to develop policies and procedures that deal with violence in the workplace, including the assessment, management and prevention of violence.

All staff at risk of violence will be given opportunities for learning.

The Registered Nurse will participate in the development and implementation of care plans including strategies for the management of patients with the potential for violent and/or abusive behaviour.

Dated at Hamilton, Ontario, this 19 day of February, 2001.

FOR THE EMPLOYER

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Rita Cioppi

FOR THE UNION

[Signature]  
Labour Relations Officer

Alma Lockhart

Rita Cioppi Reg.-03

[Signature]

Between:

ST. PETERS HOSPITAL

And:

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION

RE: Part-time Scheduling (regular Part-time and Permanent Relief)

The parties agree to the following terms of scheduling.

1. The Hospital will schedule all Regular Part-time to work on a regular predetermined basis (line) prior to utilizing any Permanent Relief;
2. The Hospital will then schedule Permanent Relief to a maximum of six-seven point five (7.5) hour tours per pay by seniority;
3.
  - (a) The Hospital will then offer all available shifts (extra tours) to Regular Part-time and Permanent Relief based on seniority (the list will be combined for this purpose) an availability, by program or hospital wide, for all extra available shifts;
  - (b) All Regular Part-time and Permanent Relief must submit their availability within two (2) weeks of the posting of the schedule and must update it bi-weekly following that posting;
  - (c) A tour will be deemed to be offered whenever a call is placed;
  - (d) It is understood that the Hospital will not be required to offer tours which would result in overtime premium pay;
4. The Hospital will cap the number of Permanent Relief at twelve (12) for the purposes of the trial.
5. The Hospital and the Union will form a Scheduling Committee to review the trial throughout the process. This committee will be comprised of equal Union and Management members. This committee will meet at least monthly and more often if necessary; and
6.
  - (a) During the prime time vacation periods of June 15 to September 15, and from December 15 to January 10 the following exception to points 2 and 3 will apply. Available shifts (extra tours) will be offered to Regular Part-time staff on a unit-wide basis prior to offering these shifts to the relief pool. During these periods Permanent Relief staff will continue to be

scheduled for a minimum of six - seven point five (7.5) hour tours per pay by seniority.

- (b) Permanent Relief staff must submit their availability by **May 1** for the period June 15 to September 15 and by November 1 for the period December 15 to January 10.

Dated at Hamilton, Ontario, this 19 day of February, 2001.

FOR THE EMPLOYER

[Signature]

Col. Paul

Jenis Humphrey

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FOR THE UNION

[Signature]  
Labour Relations Officer

Alma Lockhart

Rita Ciuffi Reg. N.

[Signature]



In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Collective Agreement on  
this 19 day of February, 2001.

FOR THE EMPLOYER

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
James Humphrey  
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FOR THE UNION

Kim C. Bernhardt  
Labour Relations Officer  
Deborah RN  
Rita Cioppa RN  
W. White  
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COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

between

RIVERSIDE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES INC.  
(at Emo Health Centre (Emo))  
(at LaVerendrye General Hospital (Fort Frances))  
(at Rainy River Health Centre (Rainy River))  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Hospital")

and

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Association")

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## APPENDIX 3

RIVERSIDE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES INC.  
 (at Emo Health Centre (Emo))  
 (at LaVerendrye General Hospital (Fort Frances))  
 (at Rainy River Health Centre (Rainy River))

REGISTERED NURSE				
	Effective April 1, 1998		Effective April 1, 1999	
	HOURLY	MONTHLY	HOURLY	MONTHLY
START	18.67	3033.88	19.04	3094.00
1 YEAR	19.60	3185.00	20.00	3250.00
2 YEARS	20.38	3311.75	20.79	3378.38
3 YEARS	21.45	3485.63	21.88	3555.50
4 YEARS	22.51	3657.88	22.96	3731.00
5 YEARS	23.58	3831.75	24.05	3908.13
6 YEARS	24.92	4049.50	25.42	4130.75
7 YEARS	26.24	4264.00	26.77	4350.13
8 YEARS	27.58	4481.75	28.13	4571.13
9 YEARS	28.93	4701.13	29.51	4795.38
	Effective Date of Ratification		Effective April 1, 2000	
	HOURLY	MONTHLY	HOURLY	MONTHLY
START	20.00	3250.00	20.50	3331.25
1 YEAR	20.79	3378.38	21.31	3462.88
2 YEARS	21.88	3555.50	22.43	3644.88
3 YEARS	22.96	3731.00	23.54	3825.25
4 YEARS	24.05	3908.13	24.66	4007.25
5 YEARS	25.42	4130.75	26.05	4233.13
6 YEARS	26.77	4350.13	27.44	4459.00
7 YEARS	28.13	4571.13	28.84	4686.50
8 YEARS	29.51	4795.38	30.24	4914.00

GRADUATE NURSE				
	Effective April 1, 1998		Effective April 1, 1999	
	HOURLY	MONTHLY	HOURLY	MONTHLY
START	17.83	2897.38	18.19	2955.88
1 YEAR	18.73	3043.63	19.12	3107.00
2 YEARS	14.48	3165.50	19.87	3228.88
3 YEARS	20.51	3332.88	20.92	3399.50
	Effective Date of Ratification		Effective April 1, 2000	
	HOURLY	MONTHLY	HOURLY	MONTHLY
START	19.12	3107.00	19.59	3183.38
1 YEAR	19.87	3228.88	20.37	3310.13
2 YEARS	20.92	3399.50	21.45	3485.63

INSTRUCTORS				
	Effective April 1, 1998		Effective April 1, 1999	
	HOURLY	MONTHLY	HOURLY	MONTHLY

START	20.18	3279.25	20.58	3344.25
1 YEAR	21.20	3445.00	21.63	3514.88
2 YEARS	22.04	3581.50	22.49	3654.63
3 YEARS	23.19	3768.38	23.66	3844.75
4 YEARS	24.36	3958.50	24.84	4036.50
5 YEARS	25.47	4238.88	25.97	4220.13
6 YEARS	26.88	4368.00	27.42	4455.75
7 YEARS	28.26	4592.25	28.83	4684.88
8 YEARS	29.69	4824.63	30.28	4920.50
9 YEARS	31.14	5060.25	31.77	5162.63
	Effective Date of Ratification		Effective April 1, 2000	
	HOURLY	MONTHLY	HOURLY	MONTHLY
START	21.63	3514.88	22.17	3602.63
1 YEAR	22.49	3654.63	23.05	3745.63
2 YEARS	23.66	3844.75	24.25	3940.63
3 YEARS	24.84	4036.50	25.47	4138.88
4 YEARS	25.97	4220.13	26.63	4327.38
5 YEARS	27.42	4455.75	28.10	4566.25
6 YEARS	28.83	4684.88	29.55	4801.88
7 YEARS	30.28	4920.50	31.05	5045.63
8 YEARS	31.77	5162.63	32.55	5289.38

INSTRUCTORS				
	Effective April 1, 1998		Effective April 1, 1999	
	HOURLY	MONTHLY	HOURLY	MONTHLY
START	19.06	3097.25	19.44	3159.00
1 YEAR	20.06	3259.75	20.47	3326.38
2 YEARS	20.89	3394.63	21.31	3462.88
3 YEARS	21.99	3573.38	22.43	3644.88
4 YEARS	23.11	3755.38	23.57	3830.13
5 YEARS	24.20	3932.50	24.68	4010.50
6 YEARS	25.57	4155.13	26.09	4239.63
7 YEARS	26.90	4371.25	27.45	4460.63
8 YEARS	28.27	4593.88	28.84	4686.50
9 YEARS	29.65	4818.13	30.25	4915.63

	Ratification			
	HOURLY	MONTHLY	HOURLY	MONTHLY
START	20.47	3326.38	20.98	3409.25
1 YEAR	21.31	3462.88	21.84	3549.00
2 YEARS	22.43	3644.88	23.00	3737.50
3 YEARS	23.57	3830.13	24.17	3927.63
4 YEARS	24.68	4010.50	25.31	4112.88
5 YEARS	26.09	4239.63	26.73	4343.63
6 YEARS	27.45	4460.63	28.13	4571.13
7 YEARS	28.84	4686.50	29.57	4805.13
8 YEARS	30.25	4915.63	31.00	5037.50

APPENDIX 5

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ON

LOCAL ISSUES

BETWEEN:

RIVERSIDE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES INC.  
(at Emo Health Centre (Emo))  
(at Laverendrye General Hospital (Fort Frances))  
(at Rainy River Health Centre (Rainy River))  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Hospital")

AND:

ONTARIO NURSES ASSOCIATION  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Association")

ARTICLE A - RECOGNITION

- A.1 The Hospital recognizes the Ontario Nurses' Association as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all registered and graduate nurses engaged in a nursing capacity by Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc., at Emo Health Centre, in the Town of Emo, at Laverendrye General Hospital, in the Town of Fort Frances and at Rainy River Health Centre, in the Town of Rainy River, save and except the Director of Services, Nurse Manager and persons above the rank of Nurse Manager.

ARTICLE B - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- B.1 The Association recognizes that the management of the Hospital and the direction of the working forces are fixed exclusively in the Hospital and shall remain solely with the Hospital, except as specifically limited by the express provisions of this Agreement and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the Association acknowledges that it is the exclusive right of the Hospital to:
- (a) maintain order, discipline and efficiency;

- (d) five (5) recognized holidays during the year other than Christmas or New Year's;
- (e) eleven ~~(1)~~ months of the year.

The Hospital shall not schedule a regular part-time nurse in excess of her or his commitment without the consent of the nurse.

#### ARTICLE D - COMMITTEES AND NURSE REPRESENTATIVES

- D.1 The Hospital will recognize six **(6)** Nurse Representatives, who may be full-time or part-time nurses, elected or appointed by the Association, one ~~(1)~~ whom will be from Emo Health Centre and one ~~(1)~~ whom will be from Rainy River Health Centre.
- D.2 The Hospital will recognize one **(1)** Grievance Committee of four **(4)** nurses covering the full-time and part-time bargaining units, one (1) of whom will be from Emo Health Centre and one (1) of whom will be from Rainy River Health Centre.
- D.3 The Hospital shall recognize a Negotiating Committee not to exceed five **(5)** nurses, at least one (1) of whom will be full-time and at least one (1) of whom will be part-time and at least one (1) of whom will be from Emo Health Centre and at least one **(1)** of whom will be from Rainy River Health Centre. In addition to the five (5) paid committee members, the Hospital will recognize one ~~(1)~~ paid observer.
- D.4 The Hospital-Association Committee shall consist of five **(5)** nurses. The number of Hospital Representatives on the Committee shall not exceed the number of Association Representatives. Association representation will include at least one **(1)** representative from Emo Health Centre and at least one **(1)** representative from Rainy River Health Centre. The Association and the Hospital may request the attendance of another Association Representative or Hospital Representative in accordance with the items on the Agenda.
- D.5 The Professional Development Committee shall consist of five (5) nurses. The number of Hospital Representatives on the Committee shall not exceed the number of Association Representatives. Association representation will include at least one **(1)** representative from Emo Health Centre and at least one **(1)** representative from Rainy River Health Centre. The Association and the Hospital may request the attendance of another Association Representative or Hospital Representative in accordance with the items on the Agenda.

## ARTICLE E - INTERVIEWS

- E.1 Interview of new nurses will take place during the orientation period, if possible. Otherwise, such interviews will be held before the completion of the new nurse's probationary period.

The Hospital shall notify the President of the Bargaining Unit or her or his designate of the names of newly employed nurses prior to their starting date in order that the President or her or his designate may arrange with the Hospital for a time for the Association interview.

## ARTICLE F - ARBITRATION HEARINGS

- F.1 Arbitrations shall be heard at Fort Frances, Ontario, or at such other places as may be agreed upon by the parties.

## ARTICLE G - SENIORITY LISTS

- G. 1 Seniority lists will be posted at each site and copies will be given to the bargaining unit on or before February 15th and August 15th in each year.

Any objection by a nurse to the accuracy of their seniority must be made in writing to the Human Resources Department within thirty (30) calendar days of the date the lists were posted or within thirty (30) calendar days of the time the list ought reasonably to have come to the attention of the nurse.

- G.2 All vacancies will be posted on the same day on all site bulletin boards recognized under the Collective Agreement. The Hospital will forward to the President of the Bargaining Unit copies of job-postings on the day they are posted.

## ARTICLE H - ASSOCIATION LEAVE

- H.1 Leave of absence for Association business shall be given up to an aggregate maximum of ninety (90) working days during any calendar year, provided adequate notice is given to the Hospital. It is agreed that not more than five (5) nurses shall be absent on such leave at the same time. It is also agreed that the aggregate of ninety (90) days shall be an aggregate for both full-time and part-time bargaining units. If there is a request for five (5) nurses to be absent from the Hospital at one time and the Director of Nursing decided that five (5) nurses from the Hospital cannot have leave because of staffing considerations, then the Director of Nursing will notify the Association of this fact and the Association will designate which nurse(s) shall be given leave.

- H.2 The Hospital will grant a leave of absence, without pay, to the Local Co-ordinator to attend Association functions, provided that the total number of days does not exceed thirty-five (35) working days off in one (1) calendar year. There shall be no **loss of** service and seniority during such leave of absence. Leave under this provision shall be in addition to the Association leave provided in Article H.1.

## ARTICLE I - SCHEDULING

- I.1 The night shift will be the first shift of the day.
- I.2 Full-time and regular part-time nurses will receive premium pay as provided in Article 14.03 for all hours worked on a third and additional, if any, consecutive and subsequent weekend, save and except where:
- (a) such weekend has been worked by the nurse to satisfy specific days off requested by such nurse; or
  - (b) such nurse has requested weekend work; or
  - (c) such weekend is worked as the result of an exchange of shifts with another nurse.
- I.3 The Hospital will formulate working schedules in accordance with the following objectives:
- (a) no split shifts;
  - (b) the Hospital will endeavour to schedule nurses off work for not less than six (**6**) consecutive days and shall schedule them off work for at least five (5) consecutive days at either Christmas or New Year's (to include New Year's Eve Day and New Year's Day) season, except in areas in which nurses are not normally required to work on weekends and statutory holidays. However, a nurse may request to be scheduled off work for less than six (6) consecutive days. The other scheduling regulations and objectives will not be operative during the period of December 15<sup>th</sup> to January 15<sup>th</sup>. Vacation may not be taken between December 24<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> unless the nurse is subject to departmental closure in which case the nurse can take lieu days, vacation, lay-off or time off without pay.

Within each nursing unit, the Hospital will endeavour to assign time off over Christmas and New Year's in accordance with this clause on an alternating basis from one (1) year to the next unless the nurse offers otherwise and the Nurse Manager agrees.



If a nurse transfers onto a unit/site prior to the Christmas time off list being posted, this clause will apply to her or him. If a nurse transfers onto a unit/site after the Christmas time off list has been posted, this clause will apply to her or him except that she or he will receive the time off at Christmas or New Year's which remains available after filling the requests of the other nurses on the unit/site.

For Emo Health Centre and Rainy River Health Centre, Christmas to include Christmas Eve Day, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. For LaVerendrye General Hospital, Christmas to include Christmas Day and Boxing Day;

- (c) full-time nurses will not be scheduled for more than seven (7) consecutive days;
- (d) no less than twenty-four **(24)** hours shall be scheduled off between tour changes;
- (e) four **(4)** days off in fourteen (14), two (2) of which must be consecutive;
- (f) the Hospital will endeavour to provide for at least one **(1)** period of four **(4)** or more consecutive days off in a month and will provide for at least one (1) period of three (3) consecutive days off in a month;
- (g) a nurse who normally rotates shall be scheduled a greater percentage of shifts on the day shift than on either the evening or night shifts, except with the consent of the nurse;
- (h) the Hospital will endeavour to schedule two **(2)** weekends off in four **(4)**;
- (i) full-time and regular part-time nurses will be scheduled off the following shifts on a weekend:

#### Regular Tours

Saturday and Sunday day, evening and night shifts and the Monday night shift.

#### Extended Tours

Saturday and Sunday day and night shifts and the Monday night shift.

- (j) a weekend is worked when a nurse works more than four **(4)** hours on the weekend as defined in Article 1.4 (i). Nurses who accept a call-in for a Monday night shift will not be considered to have worked a

weekend;

- (k) weekend premium will be applied to the forty-eight **(48)** hours worked between 2330 hours Friday to 2330 hours Sunday;
- (l) regular part-time nurses will not be scheduled to work more than four **(4)** consecutive tours without the consent of the nurse unless the nurse is temporarily replacing in a full-time position in which case **I.4** (c) will apply;
- (m) For Emo Health Centre and Rainy River Health Centre

Schedules will be posted by the **15<sup>th</sup>** of each month to cover the following month.

For LaVerendrye General Hospital

Full-time nurses' schedules will be posted for four **(4)** weeks in advance to cover at least four **(4)** weeks.

Schedules for regular part-time nurses will be posted two (2) weeks in advance to cover a four **(4)** week period.

- I.4** (a) Any violation of the scheduling regulations found in Article **I.3**, except **(9)** and **(g)**, will entitle a full-time nurse to premium pay as provided in Article **14.03**, for all hours worked during the first forty-eight **(48)** hours of the change or non-compliance.
- (b) Any violation of the scheduling regulations found in Article **I.3**, except **(e)**, **(9(g))** and **(h)**, will entitle a regular part-time nurse to premium pay as provided in Article **14.03**, for all hours worked during the first forty-eight **(48)** hours of the change or non-compliance.

**I.5** The Hospital shall endeavour to schedule no less than forty-eight **(48)** hours off after nights.

**I.6** Procedure for a Nurse Exchanging a Shift with Another Nurse

Requests for a change in a scheduled shift from a nurse may be granted at the discretion of the Nurse Manager. The nurse requesting the change will be required to arrange a suitable replacement from among the other full-time or scheduled part-time nurses and she or he will advise the Nurse Manager of the name of her or his replacement when making such request.

- I.7** (a) All regular part-time nurses in a unit/site will be scheduled up to their committed hours by seniority before any casual part-time nurses are

utilized. Committed hours are the predetermined hours of the position for which the nurse has successfully applied. Additional availability is the hours reflected in the individual nurse's letter submitted as per Article I.7 (c).

- (b) When regular part-time nurses on the unit/site have been given the opportunity to work up to their committed hours, the Hospital will endeavour to offer additional tours to regular part-time nurses on the basis of seniority, prior to offering tours to casual nurses, subject to the following:
  - (i) it is understood and agreed that all available hours of work including temporary, occasional and vacancies not requiring posting will be offered to regular part-time nurses within a site prior to offering any work to other regular part-time and casual nurses within Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc.;
 

Effective ratification, nurses accepting job-share positions will be offered additional tours only after regular part-time nurses, on the basis of seniority, prior to offering tours to casual nurses;
  - (ii) nurses who wish to be considered for additional tours must indicate their availability in the manner prescribed by Article I.7 (c);
  - (iii) a tour will be deemed to be offered whenever a call is placed;
  - (iv) it is understood that the Hospital will not be required to offer tours which would result in overtime premium pay;
  - (v) when a regular part-time nurse accepts an additional tour, she or he must report for that tour unless arrangements satisfactory to the Hospital are made;
  - (vi) provided they are qualified, nurses may submit their availability to work additional tours to more than one (1) unit/site.
- (c) The periodic basis for submitting written requests for additional shifts is twice yearly April 15th and October 15th.

## I.8

Nurses who volunteer and are willing to work at an alternate site will be provided with an orientation to that site provided the site has identified the need for additional staff and the nurse has indicated in writing to Human Resources their desire for availability for other units. All nurses will be paid for all time spent in attendance for such orientation. The Hospital will not

refuse nurses the opportunity to work at an alternative site, subject to Article I.7 (b) (i) above. Nurses can withdraw their request at any time to become effective at the end of the posted schedule. It is expected that a nurse who voluntarily completes the orientation will be available for work at that site.

ARTICLE J - PAID HOLIDAYS

J.1 Effective **2001**, the following twelve (**12**) days are recognized as paid holidays by the Hospital:

New Year's Day (January 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Civic Holiday (August)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in February	Labour Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Victoria Day	Remembrance Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in June	Christmas Day (December 25 <sup>th</sup> )
Canada Day (July 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Boxing Day (December 26 <sup>th</sup> )

In the event that Heritage Day or some other day is proclaimed as a statutory holiday by the Government of Ontario, this Agreement will be amended by deleting the 2nd Monday in February as a paid holiday and substituting the said proclaimed day therefore.

J.2 The lieu day for full-time nurses shall be scheduled off within ninety (90) days of the holiday at a mutually agreed upon time.

J.3 Notwithstanding Article J.2, a full-time nurse may accumulate not more than six (6) lieu days, which may be taken at a mutually agreeable time or added to her or his vacation.

J.4 A tour that begins or ends during the twenty-four (24) hour period of the paid holiday where the majority of hours worked falls within the holiday, shall be deemed to be work performed on the holiday for the full period of the tour.

J.5 Requests for lieu days off made in writing on the required form and submitted to the Nurse Manager at least ten (10) days in advance of the requested lieu day off, shall not be unreasonably denied by the Hospital. The Hospital shall reply to such requests as soon as possible but no less than five (5) days prior to the requested lieu day.

The Hospital shall reply to such requests as soon as possible.

ARTICLE K - VACATIONS

K.1 Effective **2001**, the vacation year for purposes of calculating vacation

allowance shall be from May 1<sup>st</sup> of one year to April 30<sup>th</sup> of the next year.

- K.2 All full-time nurses shall be entitled to vacation with pay based on length of continuous service as at April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- K.3 Vacation pay and vacation time off for part-time nurses shall be based on the vacation year.
- K.4 Vacation may be taken at any time during the twelve (12) months following May 1st. Nurses will normally take at least five (5) days of vacation at any one time. Vacation time off during prime vacation period, June 15th to September 15th, will be limited to four (4) weeks. Selection of vacation periods will be subject to the Hospital's requirements as to the sufficient availability of staff. Vacation quotas will not be unduly restrictive.
- K.5
- (a) Vacation request lists to cover the total vacation year (May 1st to April 30th) will be posted February 15th in each year and will remain up until March 15th. This list will show the amount of vacation available to be taken. Vacations requested on this list will be granted in accordance with seniority. If a nurse wishes seniority to apply to her or his vacation request(s), she or he must write her or his request(s) on the list and complete a vacation request form. Vacation lists showing the granted vacations shall be posted no later than April 15th and shall remain posted for the year.
  - (b) Once a nurse has been granted vacation based on her or his seniority, she or he shall not use her or his seniority to change her or his vacation time.
  - (c) Vacation requests made other than by the vacation request list shall be granted on a first come basis subject to vacation granted through the list process. Nurses will endeavour to submit their request in writing at least eight (8) weeks in advance of the requested time. The Hospital shall reply in writing within two (2) weeks of receipt of the request. Requests shall not be unreasonably denied.
  - (d) Nurses must have requests for any vacation time off which remains from the previous May 1<sup>st</sup> vacation year submitted to the Hospital no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>, otherwise the Hospital shall have the right to schedule the remaining vacation time.
  - (e) If a nurse has vacation already granted and she or he transfers to another unit/site, the Hospital shall make every effort to honour the granted vacation.
- K.6 Full-time nurses are entitled to receive their vacation pay immediately prior

to the commencement of their vacation period. A request for vacation pay in advance of vacation must be made in writing at least three (3) weeks in advance.

**K.7** Prior to leaving on vacation, nurses shall be notified of the date and time on which to report for work following vacation. If such notification has not occurred prior to the nurse's last day of work, she or he will contact her or his Nurse Manager to confirm the date and time she or he is to return to work.

**K.8** For vacation purposes, all part-time nurses shall be eligible for one **(1)** month time off without pay, provided the part-time nurse has been in the employ of the Hospital for one (1) or more years as at April 30th. Part-time nurses with less than one (1) year as at April 30th shall be eligible to receive time off without pay based on three (3) calendar days for each full month of employment prior to April 30th to a maximum of thirty (30) days.

Part-time nurses in receipt of vacation pay in excess of eight percent **(8%)** shall be entitled to an additional week of vacation time off without pay for each two percent **(2%)** vacation pay above eight percent **(8%)**.

**K.9** Vacation pay for part-time nurses shall be paid on the 1<sup>st</sup> May pay period on a separate itemized cheque.

#### ARTICLE L - BULLETIN BOARDS

**L.1** The Hospital will provide a separate bulletin board at each site for the purpose of posting notices regarding meetings and otherwise restricted to Association matters. All such notices must be signed by a member of the Association Executive and upon request by the Hospital, must be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer or her or his designate for approval prior to being posted and such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. It is understood that the bulletin board will be used by both the full-time and part-time bargaining units.

#### ARTICLE M - PAY DAYS

**M.1** Pay days shall be every second Friday. When such pay day falls on a paid holiday, the day prior shall become the pay day.

#### ARTICLE N - NOTICE OF TERMINATION

**N.1** Subject to Article **16.02**, a nurse will endeavour to give as much advance notice of termination of her or his employment as possible.

ARTICLE O - TIME OFF IN LIEU OF OVERTIME

**O. 1** For Emo Health Centre and Rainy River Health Centre

Where a nurse chooses equivalent time off for overtime as provided in Article 14.09, such time off must be taken at a mutually agreeable time within one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days of the date the overtime was worked or payment in accordance with Article 14.09 shall be made.

For LaVerendrye General Hospital

Where a full-time nurse chooses equivalent time off for overtime as provided in Article 14.09, such time off must be taken at a mutually agreeable time within one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days of the date the overtime was worked or payment in accordance with Article 14.09 shall be made.

A regular part-time nurse may choose equivalent time off for overtime hours resulting from call back from standby. Such time off must be taken at a mutually agreeable time within one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days of the date the overtime was worked or payment in accordance with Article 14.09 shall be made.

ARTICLE P - PRE-PAID LEAVE

**P.1** The number of nurses allowed off at one time under the Pre-Paid Leave Plan in Article 11.1 shall be a total of five (5) from a combination of the full-time and part-time bargaining units. In year five (5) of the Plan, only one (1) nurse at a time may be absent on this leave from any one (1) unit at the LaVerendrye General Hospital site and one (1) nurse from each of the Emo Health Centre site and the Rainy River Health Centre site.

ARTICLE Q - MODIFIED WORK

**Q. 1** The Hospital will notify the President of the Bargaining Unit in writing of the names of all nurses who go off work due to a work related injury or when a nurse is off with a long-term disability in excess of six (6) months.

**Q.2** When it has been medically determined that a nurse is unable to return to the full duties of her or his position due to a disability, the Hospital will notify and meet with the Labour Relations Officer and a member of the Local Executive to determine a suitable return to work program for the nurse.

**Q.3** The Hospital agrees to provide the nurse and the Association with a copy of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Form 7 at the same time it is

being sent to the Board.

## ARTICLE R - EXTENDED TOURS

R. ■ The parties agree that the provisions of all the other Articles of this Collective Agreement shall apply to those nurses working extended tours, except as amended or modified by this Article.

### R.2 Introduction and Discontinuation of Extended Tours

- (a) Extended tours shall be introduced into any unit when:
- (i) seventy-five percent (75%) of the nurses so indicate by secret ballot; and
  - (ii) the Hospital agrees to implement extended tours, such agreement shall not be withheld in an unreasonable or arbitrary manner.
- (b) Extended tours may be discontinued in any unit when:
- (i) seventy-five percent (75%) of the nurses in the unit so indicate by secret ballot; or
  - (ii) the Hospital because of
    - (1) adverse effects on patient care, or
    - (2) inability to provide a workable staffing schedule, or
    - (3) a wish to do so for other reasons which are neither unreasonable nor arbitrary,states its intention to discontinue extended tours.
- (c) When notice of discontinuation is given by either party in accordance with paragraph (b) above:
- (i) the parties shall meet within two (2) weeks of the giving of notice to review the request for discontinuation; and
  - (ii) where it is determined that extended tours will be discontinued, affected nurses shall be given eight (8) weeks' notice before the schedules are so amended.



R.3 Participation

All full-time and part-time staff falling within the bargaining units will be required to participate.

R.4 Suggestions and Complaints

During the trial period(s), the parties agree to meet at the Local level to discuss suggestions and complaints concerning extended tours in an effort to adopt or resolve them to the satisfaction of the Hospital and the nurses.

R.5 Hours of Work

- (a) Relief staff may be scheduled to work all or part of an extended tour depending on the Hospital's staffing requirements.
- (b) At the Emo Health Centre site and Rainy River Health Centre site, normal tour hours for extended tours will be from **0715 to 1915** and **1915 to 0715**. Should a seven and one-half (**7 ½**) hour tour be scheduled, the normal tour hours will be:

**0715–1515;**  
**1515 – 2315;** or  
**2315 – 0715.**

At the LaVerendrye General Hospital site, normal tour hours for extended tours will be from **0730 to 1930** and **1930 to 0730**. Should a seven and one-half (**7 ½**) hour tour be scheduled, the normal tour hours will be:

**0730 – 1530;**  
**1530 – 2330;** or  
**2330 – 0730.**

Prior to altering the starting or finishing time in a unit/site or introducing different shifts, the President of the Bargaining Unit shall be notified and the nurses in the unit/site consulted for input and comments as per the requirements of Article **13.03**.

R.6 Meal and Rest Periods

Normally, meal and rest period times will be scheduled as follows:

**two (2)** rest periods; and

**two (2)** meal periods, of which half (**1/2**) of one (**1**) **will** be compensated.

## R.7 Scheduling

The following regulations shall govern the scheduling of work for nurses working extended tours:

- (a) The Hospital shall schedule each nurse every second weekend off; a nurse shall receive premium pay as outlined in Article **14.03** for all hours worked on a second consecutive and subsequent weekend, subject to Articles I.2 (a), I.2 (b) or I.2 (c).
- (b) Nurses will not be required to work more than three (3) consecutive extended tours; if a nurse works ~~on~~ four (**4**) or more consecutive extended tours, she or he shall receive premium pay as provided in Article **14.03**, until she or he receives a day off.
- (c) The Hospital will endeavour to provide that a nurse who normally rotates shall be scheduled to work at least fifty percent (50%) of her or his work tours on day shift averaged over the rotation.

## ARTICLE S - JOB-SHARING

**S.1** The introduction of job-sharing arrangements will be subject to mutual agreement between the Association and the Hospital. Once an arrangement has been agreed upon, the vacancy or vacancies to be posted will be filled in accordance with Article **10.06** of the Collective Agreement. Each job-sharing arrangement will be on a trial basis for a period of up to six (**6**) months, subject to review by the Association and the Hospital before confirmation. It is agreed that the following conditions will govern the arrangements.

- (a) Job-sharing requests with regard to full-time positions shall be considered on an individual basis and the Hospital shall reserve the sole right to determine the appropriateness of such arrangements which shall include the number of job-sharers and percentage split of the full-time position. Such determination shall not be arbitrary or unreasonable.
- (b) Total hours worked by the job-sharers shall equal one (**1**) full-time position. The division of these hours and the resulting scheduled shifts ~~on~~ the schedule shall be determined by mutual agreement between the nurses with approval of the Director of Nursing or her or his designate. Job-sharers shall not be required to work any tours outside of the tours of the full-time position unless mutually agreed to by the nurse(s) and the Hospital. The nurses shall submit their proposed individual work schedules to the Hospital for approval at

least three (3) weeks prior to the posting of the schedule.

- (c) The above schedules shall conform with the full-time scheduling provisions of the Collective Agreement.
- (d) The job-sharers together shall only be required to work the number of paid holidays that a full-time nurse would be required to work.
- (e) It is agreed that job-sharers will make reasonable efforts to cover each other's incidental absences including vacations, however, the Hospital will arrange the necessary coverage where such reasonable efforts do not result in coverage of these absences.

In the event that one (1) member of the job-sharing arrangement goes on extended absence, the other job-sharer should be prepared to cover the absent partner's shifts. However, for an absence in excess of one (1) month or where the covering nurse experiences circumstances which prevent her or him covering the extended absence, the coverage will be provided by the Hospital. This will not prevent the Hospital asking the covering nurse to work some of the available **shifts**.

- (f) Each job-sharer may exchange shifts with her or his partner, as well as with other nurses as provided by the Collective Agreement.
- (g) An incumbent full-time nurse wishing to share her or his position, may do so without having her or his half of the position posted, however, the other half of the job-shared position must be posted and the selection based on the criteria set out in the Collective Agreement.
- (h) If one of the job-sharers leaves the arrangement, the remaining nurse shall have the option of going full-time or having the other portion of the shared position posted. If there is no successful applicant to the position, the shared position must revert to a full-time position. The remaining nurse will again be given the option of continuing the full-time position or taking another regular part-time position based on her or his seniority and her or his ability to perform the available work within a reasonable orientation period. If she or he does not accept the full-time position, it must be posted according to the Collective Agreement.

## S.2

The Hospital or the Association may discontinue the job-sharing arrangement with sixty (60) days' written notice. The nurses involved will be included in the discussions. Upon receipt of such notice, a meeting shall be held within fifteen (15) days to discuss the discontinuation. It is understood and agreed that such discontinuation shall not be unreasonable or arbitrary. Should the

arrangement be discontinued or changed, the job-sharer(s) will have the option of reverting back to their previous position(s) or to an equivalent position in their previous status based on the nurse's seniority and her or his ability to perform the available work within a reasonable orientation period or to a regular part-time position based on the nurse's seniority and her or his ability to perform the available work within a reasonable orientation period.

ARTICLE T – MISCELLANEOUS

T.1 Nurses who are re-assigned, subject to Article I.8, to an alternate site will be paid their straight time hourly rate for all time spent in transit to and from their home site in excess of their scheduled shift.

DATED at Fort Frances, Ontario, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

(to be attached to and form part of the Collective Agreement)

BETWEEN:

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(at Emo Health Centre (Emo))  
(at LaVerendrye General Hospital (Fort Frances))  
(at Rainy River Health Centre (Rainy River))  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Hospital")

AND:

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Association")

RE: MASTER ROTATIONS/SCHEDULING COMMITTEE

The parties agree that a Scheduling Committee will be developed consisting of at least three (3) representatives of the Association and three (3) representatives of the Hospital. The purpose of this Committee will be to develop, if possible, master rotations on a unit by unit basis. Prior to the implementation or modification of master rotations, the nurses on the affected units will be consulted.

DATED at Fort Frances, Ontario, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.

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RE: PURCHASE OF BENEFITS - REGULAR PART-TIME NURSES

The parties agree that the Hospital will investigate the possibilities of part-time nurses being able to purchase benefits from the Hospital, preferably from the same group as the full-time nurses. The benefits to be purchased are life insurance including AD&D, semi-private hospitalization, extended health care including vision care and hearing aids and dental coverage, such benefits to provide the same coverage as that provided for full-time nurses. It is understood that the part-time nurse would be responsible for the full cost of the premium for these plans. The Hospital will report back to the Association by the end of December, 2000.

DATED at Fort Frances, Ontario, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.

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RE: PAYOUT SICK BANK

The parties agree that payout for existing sick leave banks shall be made upon written request of the nurse **as** per the payout provisions of Article 12.03 (b) of the Collective Agreement within **two (2)** pay periods of the request and is to be paid by separate cheque.

DATED at Fort Frances, Ontario, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.

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