

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

BINDING THE

**UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA
LOCALS #12, #72, #91, #99, #118, #150, #154, #204**

AND THE

**BETHANY AUXILIARY HOSPITAL OF CAMROSE, ALBERTA AND
BETHANY NURSING HOME OF CAMROSE, ALBERTA (The Bethany
Group at Bethany Long Term Care Centre - Camrose)
ST. MICHAEL'S HEALTH CENTRE - LETHBRIDGE
BETHANY CARE SOCIETY - CALGARY
ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL
THE CAPITAL CARE GROUP INC.
ST. MICHAEL'S LONG TERM CARE CENTRE
YOUVILLE HOME (GREY NUNS) OF ST. ALBERT
BETHANY NURSING HOME OF CAMROSE, ALBERTA (The Bethany
Group at Rosehaven Care Centre - Camrose)**

FOR THE PERIOD

APRIL 1, 1999 - MARCH 31, 2001

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT made this _____ day of _____, A.D., 1999.

BETWEEN

(hereinafter referred to as the "Employer")

AND

THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL # _____
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the parties acknowledge that the primary purpose of the Employer and Employees is to provide quality patient/resident/client care and believe that this purpose can be achieved most readily if harmonious relationships exist between the Employer and the Employees;

AND WHEREAS the parties are desirous of concluding a Collective Agreement for the purpose of establishing rates of pay and other terms and conditions of employment for nurses;

NOW THEREFORE THIS COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT WITNESSES:

ARTICLE 1: TERM OF COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

1.01 Except where otherwise stated in this Collective Agreement, this Collective Agreement shall be in force and effect from and after the date upon which the United Nurses of Alberta and the Employer exchange notice of ratification by their principals of the terms of this Agreement, up to and including March 31, 2001, and from year to year thereafter unless notice, in writing, is given by either party to the other party not less than sixty (60) days nor more than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the expiration date of its desire to amend this Collective Agreement.

1.02 This Collective Agreement shall continue in force and effect until a new Collective Agreement has been executed or until the right to strike or lockout arises.

ARTICLE 2: DEFINITIONS

2.01 "Administrator" shall mean the Chief Operating Officer responsible for the day to day activities of the Facility.

2.02 "Ambulance" shall include any vehicle or conveyance used for ambulance duty.

- 2.03 “Arbitration” shall take meaning from the section Labour Relations Code dealing with the resolution of a difference.
- 2.04 “Basic rate of pay” is the step in the scale applicable to the Employee as set out in the Salaries Appendix inclusive of educational allowances but exclusive of all other allowances and premium payments.
- 2.05 “Employee” shall mean a person covered by this Collective Agreement and employed by the Employer. At the time of hire each Employee shall be assigned by the Employer to one of the following categories: regular, casual or temporary, and such assignment shall not be altered except in accordance with the provisions of this Collective Agreement.
- (a) “Regular Employee” is one who is hired to work on a full-time or part-time basis on regularly scheduled shifts of a continuing nature;
 - (i) “Full-time Employee” is one who is hired to work the full specified hours in Article 7;
 - (ii) “Part-time Employee” is one who is hired to work for scheduled shifts, whose hours of work are less than those specified in Article 7.
 - (b) “Casual Employee” is one who:
 - (i) is hired to work on a call basis and who is not scheduled except in accordance with Article 30.05(a); or
 - (ii) is regularly scheduled for a period of three (3) months or less for a specific job; or
 - (iii) relieves for absences recognized by this Collective Agreement the duration of which are three (3) months or less.
 - (c) “Temporary Employee” is one who is hired on a temporary basis for a full-time or part-time position:
 - (i) for a specific job of more than three (3) months but less than six (6) months; or
 - (ii) to replace a full-time or part-time Employee who is on an approved leave of absence for a period in excess of three (3) months; or
 - (iii) to replace a full-time or part-time Employee who is on leave due to illness or injury where the Employee has indicated that the duration of such leave will be in excess of three (3) months.

- 2.06 “Employer” shall mean and include such persons as may, from time to time, be appointed or designated to carry out administrative duties in respect of the operation and management of the Institution.
- 2.07 (a) “Certified Graduate Nurse” means a person whose name is in the Certified Graduate Nurses Roster and who holds an annual or temporary permit pursuant to the Nursing Profession Act, R.S.A. 1983, c.N-14.5 and Regulations.
- (b) “Graduate Psychiatric Nurse” means a person whose name is in the Temporary Register and who holds a temporary registration pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act (Alberta) and Regulations.
- (c) “Undergraduate Nurse” means a person who is enrolled in an approved School of Nursing and who is employed by the Employer to provide direct nursing care but is not a Certified Graduate Nurse, Graduate Psychiatric Nurse, Registered Nurse or Registered Psychiatric Nurse.
- 2.08 (a) “Institution” means the organization named as the Employer in the certificate of the Labour Relations Board.
- (b) “Facility” means each individual site operated by the Employer, that is covered by the Collective Agreement.
- 2.09 “Registered Nurse” means a person who has been issued a certificate of registration as a registered nurse pursuant to the Nursing Profession Act, R.S.A. 1983, c.N-14.5 and who holds an annual certificate.
- 2.10 “Registered Psychiatric Nurse” means a person who has been issued a certificate of registration as a registered Psychiatric Nurse pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act (Alberta) and who holds an annual certificate.
- 2.11 “Shift” means a daily tour of duty exclusive of overtime hours.
- 2.12 “Union” shall mean the United Nurses of Alberta Local which is party to this Agreement.
- 2.13 The singular shall mean the plural and vice versa as applicable.
- 2.14 “Gross Earnings” shall mean all monies earned by the Employee under the terms of this Collective Agreement.
- 2.15 “Cycle of the shift schedule” shall mean the period of time when the shift cycle repeats itself. In those situations where the shift cycle does not repeat itself the term “cycle of the shift schedule” shall be understood to mean a period of time not to exceed twelve (12) weeks.

ARTICLE 3: RECOGNITION

- 3.01 The Employer recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining agent for the Employees covered by this Collective Agreement as described in the certificate of the Labour Relations Board and amendments thereto.
- 3.02 No Employee shall be required or permitted to make any written or verbal agreement which may be in conflict with the terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4: MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- 4.01 The Union acknowledges that it shall be the exclusive right of the Employer to operate and manage the business in all respects, unless otherwise provided by this Collective Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Employer reserves all rights not specifically restricted or limited by the provisions of this Collective Agreement including the right to:
- (a) maintain order, discipline and efficiency;
 - (b) make or alter, from time to time, rules and regulations, to be observed by Employees, which are not in conflict with any provision of this Collective Agreement;
 - (c) direct the working force and to create new classifications and work units and to determine the number of Employees, if any, needed from time to time in any work unit(s) or classification(s), and to determine whether or not a position will be continued or declared redundant;
 - (d) hire, promote, transfer, layoff, recall and to demote, discipline, suspend or discharge for just cause.
- 4.02 The Employer shall exercise its rights in a manner which is fair reasonable and in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

ARTICLE 5: DUES, DEDUCTIONS AND UNION BUSINESS

- 5.01 (a) The Employer shall deduct from the gross earnings (exclusive of Disability benefits) of each Employee covered by this Collective Agreement monthly amounts equal to the monthly membership dues as advised by the Union. Such deductions shall be forwarded to the Provincial Office of the United Nurses of Alberta, or its authorized representative, not later than the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following and shall be accompanied by a list of those Employees from whom deductions have been made specifying the amounts of union dues deducted and gross earnings of each Employee. Such lists shall indicate newly hired and terminated Employees.

- (b) The Employer shall provide to the Union monthly, a listing of Employees specifying the following:
 - (i) Name of Employee;
 - (ii) Classification;
 - (iii) Category (Regular, Temporary, Casual);
 - (iv) Regular Hours of Work; and
 - (v) Date of Hire.

- 5.02 The Union shall advise the Employer, in writing, thirty (30) days in advance of the establishment of, or change in, membership dues structure.

- 5.03 Union dues shall be deducted on a bi-weekly or monthly basis depending upon the pay system of the Employer and submitted to the Union in accordance with Article 5.01(a)

- 5.04 The Employer shall provide a bulletin board in a reasonably accessible location for the exclusive use of the Union, and for the sole purpose of posting information related to the Union's activities. A separate bulletin board shall be provided in each building where there is a considerable geographic separation between buildings in which patient/resident/client care is provided. In addition, and where mutually agreed, space will be provided on other existing bulletin boards. The Employer reserves the right to require that posted material damaging to the Employer be removed.

- 5.05
 - (a) A representative of the Union shall have the right to make a presentation of up to forty-five (45) minutes at the orientation of new Employees with respect to the structure of the Local as well as the rights, responsibilities and benefits under the Collective Agreement; provided, however, that attendance at the presentation shall not be compulsory, provided further that a representative of the Employer may be present at such presentation.
 - (b) The Employer shall advise the Union President or designate of the date, time and place for each orientation, and any changes in the scheduling of each orientation.

- 5.06
 - (a) The Employer shall not unreasonably withhold approval for leave(s) of absence for Employees elected or appointed to perform Union business. Where such request for leave of absence is made in writing the Employer's reply shall be given in writing. For such leave, upon request:
 - (i) pension contributions shall continue uninterrupted; and

- (ii) a repayment plan for the Employee share of contribution shall be established.
- (b) For members of the United Nurses of Alberta Negotiating Committee, and the Executive Officers of United Nurses of Alberta, where the request for leave is in writing, it shall not be denied.
- (c) All such leave shall be without pay.

ARTICLE 6: NO DISCRIMINATION

6.01 There shall be no discrimination, restriction or coercion exercised or practised by either party in respect of any Employee by reason of age, race, colour, creed, national origin, political or religious belief, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, physical disability, mental disability nor by reason of membership or non-membership or activity in the Union nor in respect of an Employee's or Employer's exercising any right conferred under this Agreement or any law of Canada or Alberta.

ARTICLE 7: HOURS OF WORK AND SCHEDULING PROVISIONS

7.01 *Regular Hours of Work*

- (a) Regular hours of work for full-time Employees, exclusive of meal periods shall be:
 - (i) seven point seven five (7.75) consecutive hours per day;
 - (ii) thirty-six point eight one (36.81) hours per week averaged over one (1) complete cycle of the shift schedule.
- (b) Regular hours of work shall be deemed to:
 - (i) include, as scheduled by the Employer, two (2) rest periods of fifteen (15) minutes during each full working shift of seven point seven five (7.75) hours; or
 - (ii) include, as scheduled by the Employer, one (1) rest period of thirty (30) minutes during each full working shift of seven point seven five (7.75) hours if this is more compatible with the scheduling of work assignments; the alternative to be applied shall be at the discretion of the Employer; or
 - (iii) include, as scheduled by the Employer, one (1) rest period of fifteen (15) minutes during each half shift of not less than four (4) hours; and

- (iv) exclude a meal period of thirty (30) minutes to be scheduled by the Employer during each working day on which the Employee works in excess of four (4) hours.
- (c) Notwithstanding that the meal period is to be excluded in the calculation of regular hours of work, if the Employer requires an Employee to be readily available for duty during her or his meal period, the Employee shall be so advised in advance and be paid for that meal period at the Employee's basic rate of pay.
- (d) If an Employee is recalled to duty during her or his meal period or rest period the Employee shall be given a full meal period or rest period later in the Employee's shift, or, where that is not possible, be paid for the meal period or rest period as follows:
 - (i) for a rest period, at the overtime rate, in accordance with Article 8 rather than at straight time; or
 - (ii) for a meal period for which the Employee is entitled to be paid in accordance with Article 7.01(c), at the overtime rate, in accordance with Article 8 rather than at straight time; or
 - (iii) for a meal period for which the Employee is not otherwise entitled to be paid, the overtime rate, in accordance with Article 8.
- (e) On the date fixed by proclamation, in accordance with the Daylight Saving Time Act, of conversion to Mountain Standard Time, regular hours of work shall be extended to include the resultant additional hour with additional payment due therefor at the applicable overtime rate. On the date fixed by said Act for the resumption of Daylight Saving Time, the resultant reduction of one (1) hour in the shift involved shall be effected with the appropriate deduction in regular earnings.

7.02 *Shift Schedules*

- (a) Employees shall be aware that, in the course of their regular duties, they may be required to work on various shifts throughout the twenty-four (24) hour period of the day and the seven (7) days of the week. The first shift of the working day shall be the one wherein the majority of hours worked fall between twenty-four hundred (2400) and zero eight hundred (0800) hours.
- (b) "Days of Rest" for a full-time Employee shall mean all days where an Employee is not scheduled to work, pursuant to Article 7.
- (c) The Employer, in scheduling shifts, shall take into consideration an Employee's request for certain shift schedules, subject to the requirements of Article 7.02(a).

- (d) The shift patterns which may be available are:
 - (i) Days, evenings, nights rotation (however, the Employer shall endeavour to minimize application of such rotation)
 - (ii) Permanent days
 - (iii) Permanent evenings (only by request of Employee)
 - (iv) Permanent nights (only by request of Employee)
 - (v) Evenings and days rotation
 - (vi) Nights and evenings (only by request of Employee)
 - (vii) Nights and days rotation
- (e) A request by an Employee to work permanent evenings or permanent nights shall not be unreasonably withheld, but the Employer may require an Employee working permanent evenings or permanent nights to work blocks of day shift for the purpose of maintaining proficiency. Such blocks shall total not more than two (2) blocks per year totalling not more than fourteen (14) calendar days per year.
- (f) Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Union and the Employer, Employees working shift patterns 7.02(d)(i), (v) and (vii), shall be assigned day duty at least two-fifths (2/5) of the time during the shift cycle. For the purpose of applying the foregoing an Employee will be deemed to have been assigned day duty for those periods of time absent on vacation or on or for a Named Holiday that would have, except for such absence been day duty to which the Employee would have been assigned in accordance with the shift schedule. Scheduled days of rest shall not be considered as day duty for the purpose of applying this provision.
- (g) Except in cases of emergency or by mutual agreement between the Employee and the Employer, shift schedules shall provide for:
 - (i) at least fifteen point five (15.5) hours off duty between shifts;
 - (ii) at least two (2) consecutive days of rest;
 - (iii) days of rest on one-half (1/2) of the weekends averaged over one (1) complete cycle of the shift schedule, provided that an Employee shall not be scheduled to work more than two (2) consecutive weekends. "Weekend" shall mean a Saturday and the following Sunday assuring a minimum of fifty-six (56) hours off duty;
 - (iv) not more than six (6) consecutive scheduled days of work.

- (h) Two (2) optional scheduling systems are available which may be applied upon mutual agreement, in writing, between the Employer and the Union. Where an option is applied, the relevant provisions of Article 7.02(g) shall be amended as follows:

OPTION I

- 7.02 (g) (i) at least fifteen point five (15.5) hours off duty between shifts;
- (ii) at least two (2) consecutive days of rest;
- (iii) days of rest on alternate weekends. One (1) weekend in each four (4) week period shall be an extended weekend. "Weekend" shall mean a Saturday and the following Sunday, assuring a minimum of fifty-six (56) hours off duty, and "Extended Weekend" shall mean a Saturday and the following Sunday assuring a minimum of seventy-nine point seven five (79.75) hours off duty;
- (iv) not more than seven (7) consecutive scheduled days of work to occur not more than once in a four (4) week cycle.

OPTION II

- 7.02 (g) (i) at least fifteen point five (15.5) hours off duty between shifts;
- (ii) at least two (2) consecutive days of rest;
- (iii) days of rest on three (3) weekends in a six (6) week period, one of which shall be an extended weekend. "Weekend" shall mean a Saturday and the following Sunday, assuring a minimum of fifty-six (56) hours off duty, and "Extended Weekend" shall mean a Saturday and the following Sunday assuring a minimum of seventy-nine point seven five (79.75) hours off duty;
- (iv) not more than seven (7) consecutive scheduled days of work to occur not more than twice in a six (6) week cycle.

- (i) Notwithstanding Article 7.02(h), in the event that the parties wish to implement additional optional scheduling systems, a new scheduling

system may be mutually agreed to in writing between the Employer and the Union.

- (j) Violation of any provision of Article 7.02(g) or 7.02(h) shall result in payment to each affected Employee at the overtime rate, in accordance with Article 8 for all regular hours worked during the period of violation.

7.03 *Schedule Posting*

- (a) Shift schedules shall be posted twelve (12) weeks in advance.
- (b) Notwithstanding Article 7.03 (a), in the event of unusual circumstances, a shorter time period may be mutually agreed in writing between the Employer and the Union.

7.04 *Schedule Changes*

- (a) If in the course of a posted schedule the Employer changes an Employee's scheduled days off, the Employee shall be paid at the overtime rate in, accordance with Article 8 for all hours worked on what would otherwise have been the Employee's off-duty days, unless fourteen (14) days notice of such change has been given. The Employee shall be notified of the change in the schedule both orally and in writing and such change shall be recorded on the shift schedule.
- (b) If, in the course of a posted schedule, the Employer changes an Employee's scheduled shift, but not the Employee's scheduled days off, the Employee shall be paid at the overtime rate in accordance with Article 8 for all hours worked during the first shift of the changed schedule, unless fourteen (14) days notice of such change has been given. The Employee shall be notified of the change in the schedule both orally and in writing and such change shall be recorded on the shift schedule.

7.05 *Employee Shift Exchange*

- (a) Employees may exchange shifts among themselves, provided that:
 - (i) the exchange is agreed to, in writing, between the affected Employees; and
 - (ii) prior approval of such exchange has been given by the Employees immediate supervisor; and
 - (iii) where a request for approval is made in writing, the Employer's reply shall also be in writing.
- (b) Such exchange shall be recorded on the shift schedule.

- (c) Such exchange shall not be deemed a violation of the scheduling provisions of this Article.

7.06 *Reporting Pay*

In the event that an Employee reports for work as scheduled and prior to the commencement of the shift, is requested by the Employer to leave and report for a later shift, the Employee shall be compensated for the inconvenience by a payment equal to three (3) hours pay at the Employee's basic rate of pay.

ARTICLE 8: OVERTIME

- 8.01 (a) Overtime is all time authorized by the Employer and worked by an Employee in excess of seven point seven five (7.75) hours per day or on scheduled days of rest.
- (b) The Employer shall designate an individual on the Hospital premises who may authorize overtime. The Employer shall not unreasonably deny authorization after the fact for overtime worked where such overtime arises as a result of unforeseeable circumstances in which it is impossible to obtain prior authorization.
- (c) Overtime may be accumulated and taken in time off at a mutually acceptable time at the applicable premium rate. Time off not taken March 31 in any given year shall be paid out unless otherwise mutually agreed. Such request to carry over lieu time shall be submitted by the Employee in writing prior to March 31, and shall not be unreasonably denied.
- (d) The Employer shall provide, on each nursing unit, overtime forms, which are to be signed by the designated authorizing person and a copy shall be given to the Employee at the time the overtime is worked.

8.02 The overtime rate of two times (2X) the applicable basic hourly rate shall be paid for overtime worked.

8.03 No Employee shall be requested or permitted to work more than a total of sixteen (16) hours (inclusive of regular and overtime hours) in a twenty-four (24) hour period beginning at the first (1st) hour the Employee reports to work.

ARTICLE 9: COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

9.01 Except as otherwise provided in this Collective Agreement, an Employee (or the Employee's alternate) who is a member and attends meetings of a committee established by the Employer, shall be paid at the Employee's basic rate of pay for attendance at such meetings. Such participation shall be voluntary.

ARTICLE 10: TRANSPORTATION

- 10.01 An Employee who normally travels from the Facility to the Employee's place of residence by means of public transportation following the completion of the Employee's shift but who is prevented from doing so by being required to remain on duty longer than the Employee's regular shift and past the time when normal public transportation is available, shall be reimbursed for the cost of reasonable, necessary and substantiated transportation expense from the Facility to the Employee's place of residence.
- 10.02 When an Employee is assigned duties necessitating the use of the Employee's private automobile she or he shall be reimbursed pursuant to Article 10.01 and for other reasonable expenses related to the use of the Employee's private automobile while performing those assigned duties.

ARTICLE 11: PROBATIONARY PERIOD

- 11.01 A new Employee shall serve a probationary period of five hundred and three point seven-five (503.75) hours worked. If a new Employee is unsuitable in the opinion of the Employer, such Employee may be terminated at any time during the probationary period without notice and without recourse to the grievance procedure.
- 11.02 Subject to Article 11.01, the Employer shall provide an evaluation of each probationary Employee at least once during the Employee's probationary period and again prior to the completion of the Employee's probationary period.
- 11.03 The Employer shall provide a paid orientation period for all new Employees. The Employee's first fifty-four point two five (54.25) hours of patient/resident/client care shall be under guidance or supervision of which twenty-three point two five (23.25) hours shall be on day shift.

ARTICLE 12: SENIORITY

- 12.01 (a) An Employee's "Seniority Date" shall be the date on which a regular or temporary Employee's continuous service in the bargaining unit commenced, including all prior periods of service as a casual, temporary or regular Employee contiguous to present regular or temporary employment.
- (b) Seniority shall not apply during the probationary period; however, once the probationary period has been completed, seniority shall be credited from the seniority date established pursuant to Article 12.01(a).

12.02 Seniority shall determine:

- (a) assignment of available shift schedules subject to the provisions of Article 7;
- (b) promotion and transfers within the bargaining unit subject to the provisions specified in Article 14;
- (c) layoff and recall subject to the provisions specified in Article 15; and
- (d) approval of vacation times subject to the provisions specified in Article 17;

12.03 Seniority shall be considered broken, all rights forfeited and there shall be no obligation to rehire:

- (a) when an Employee resigns;
- (b) upon the expiry of twelve (12) months following layoff during which time the Employee has not been recalled to work;
- (c) if, subject to the provisions of Article 15, an Employee does not return to work on recall.

12.04 *Seniority Lists*

(a) *Provision of Seniority Lists*

Seniority lists shall be provided by the Employer to the Union:

- (i) within three (3) months of date of signing of this Collective Agreement, and
- (ii) every six (6) months thereafter, and
- (iii) when Employees have been served a notice pursuant to the provisions of Article 15.01(a) or 15.02(b).

(b) *Contents of Seniority Lists*

Two (2) separate lists shall be provided to the Union. The seniority list shall contain the name and seniority date of each regular and temporary Employee in chronological order. A secondary list shall identify the name and seniority date of each regular and temporary Employee, grouped according to their ward or unit, if the Employer has more than one ward or unit.

(c) *Correction of Seniority Lists*

The Union may question or grieve any inaccuracy within three (3) months of receiving the list. Thereafter the date shall be considered as being established except for those names which shall be deemed to be deleted by:

- (i) application of Article 12.03;
- (ii) transfer to an excluded position; or
- (iii) transfer to the status of a casual Employee.

12.05 In the case of an Employee, engaged for regular or temporary employment entering the bargaining unit from an excluded position and when employment in the excluded position was contiguous with a previous period of employment within the bargaining unit (casual, temporary or regular), the Employee's seniority date shall be adjusted so as to give credit only for days equivalent to such previous service within the bargaining unit. This provision shall only be applicable in the event that an Employee returns to the bargaining unit within two (2) years.

ARTICLE 13: EVALUATIONS

- 13.01 (a) Each Employee shall receive a yearly evaluation.
- (b) Evaluations shall be for the purpose of constructive review of the performance of the Employee.
- 13.02 (a) All evaluations shall be in writing and shall be done by the most immediate supervisor in an excluded management position.
- (b) Meetings for the purpose of the evaluation interviews shall be scheduled by the Employer with reasonable advance notice which shall not be less than twenty-four (24) hours. At the interview the Employee shall be given a copy of the Employee's evaluation document. The contents of the Employee's personnel file shall be available for examination by the Employee at the time of the evaluation interview. The Employee shall sign her or his evaluation for the sole purpose of indicating that the Employee is aware of the evaluation and shall have the right to respond, in writing, within seven (7) days of the interview and such reply shall be attached to the evaluation and placed in the Employee's personnel file.
- 13.03 (a) By appointment made at least one (1) working day in advance, an Employee may view her or his personnel file once every six (6) months and in addition when the Employee has filed a grievance. An Employee may be accompanied by a Union Representative when viewing the Employee's personnel file.

- (b) An Employee may request and shall be given a copy of any or all documents contained in her or his personnel file at the time the Employee views the file, pursuant to Article 13.03(a). An Employee may also request such copies on other occasions provided the Employee's request is reasonable in the circumstances and the Employee makes an appointment for such purpose. The Employee may be required by the Employer to pay a reasonable fee to cover the cost of copying; which fee shall be established by the Employer.

13.04 An Employee's evaluation shall not be released by the Employer to any person except to a Board of Arbitration or as required by law without the written consent of the Employee.

ARTICLE 14: PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS & VACANCIES

14.01 (a) The Employer shall post notices of vacancies for all regular and temporary positions within the bargaining unit not less than ten (10) calendar days in advance of making an appointment. A copy of such notice shall be forwarded to the Union within five (5) calendar days of the posting.

- (b) When circumstances require the Employer to fill a vacancy before the expiration of ten (10) calendar days, the appointment shall be made on a temporary or relief basis only.

- (c) Vacancies shall be filled whenever possible from within the bargaining unit.

- (d) A notice of vacancy shall specify the Facility, the number of hours per shift, and shifts per shift cycle which shall constitute the regular hours of work for the position. For information purposes only, the current shift pattern and commencement date for the position shall also be specified on the notice of vacancy.

14.02 (a) A vacancy resulting from either:

- (i) the creation of a specific job of limited term exceeding three (3) months' duration; or
- (ii) a leave of absence granted for a period known to be longer than three (3) months;

shall be posted in accordance with Article 14.01.

- (b) Where such a vacancy has been filled by the appointment of a regular full-time or part-time Employee, and where, at the completion of the term expressed in Article 14.02(a), the Employer decides that the incumbent Employee is no longer required to continue in that position, the Employee

shall be reinstated or placed in accordance with the terms of Article 14.07. A regular Employee achieving a temporary position shall maintain her or his status as a regular Employee.

- (c) Where such a vacancy has been filled by the appointment of a casual Employee, and where, at the completion of the term expressed in Article 14.02(a), the Employer decides that the incumbent Employee is no longer required to continue in that position, the Employee shall resume the normal terms and conditions of employment as a casual Employee and the provisions of Article 30.05(b) shall no longer apply. A casual Employee achieving a temporary position pursuant to this provision shall maintain the her or his status as a casual Employee.
- (d) During the term of a temporary position, the incumbent Employee shall be eligible to apply on postings in accordance with the following:
 - (i) Such Employee shall be eligible to apply on postings of vacancies pursuant to Article 14.01(a).
 - (ii) Such Employee shall not be eligible to apply on postings of vacancies pursuant to Article 14.02(a), unless the position posted commences after the expiry of the term for which the Employee was hired.

14.03 Applications pursuant to Article 14.01(a) and Article 14.02 shall be made to the Employer in writing.

14.04 In making promotions and transfers, the determining factors shall be skill, knowledge, efficiency, experience and other relevant attributes, and where these factors are considered by the Employer to be relatively equal, seniority shall be the deciding factor.

14.05 The name of the Employee who is appointed to fill the transfer, promotion and/or vacancy shall be posted forthwith on a bulletin board provided for that purpose and shall remain posted for not less than eight (8) calendar days. All other applicants for the transfer, promotion and/or vacancy and the Union shall be informed in writing of the name of the successful applicant within five (5) calendar days of the appointment.

14.06 When an Employee is promoted from one classification to another, the salary of such promoted Employee shall be advanced to that step in the salary scale which will grant the Employee a minimum hourly increase in the amount of the differential between the beginning rate of the Employee's present classification and the beginning rate of the classification to which she or he has been promoted.

14.07 (a) The transferred or promoted Employee will be given a trial period of three hundred and twenty-five and one-half (325 1/2) hours worked in which to

demonstrate the Employee's ability to perform the new assignment satisfactorily.

- (b) The Employer shall provide an evaluation of the Employee prior to the completion of the trial period.
- (c) Should the Employee fail to succeed during the trial period, the Employer shall reinstate the Employee in her or his former position or, if such reinstatement is not possible, place the Employee in another suitable position. Such reinstatement or placement shall be at not less than the rate of pay to which the Employee would be entitled had the Employee remained in her or his former position.
- (d) When the Employer reinstates an Employee in the Employee's former position or places the Employee in another suitable position, the vacancy in which the Employee is being placed shall not be subject to the provisions of Articles 14.01 to 14.05 inclusive.
- (e) A reinstatement or placement of an Employee in accordance with Article 14.07(c) shall not be construed as a violation of the scheduling provisions of Article 7.
- (f) A transferred Employee's first three (3) shifts of patient/resident/client care on a new unit shall be under guidance or supervision. Where the Employee will be on rotating shifts, the first two (2) shifts shall be day shifts, and in addition the Employee's first shift on evenings or nights shall be under guidance or supervision.

14.08 An Employee's anniversary date, for the purpose of an annual increment, shall not be changed as a result of promotion.

14.09 When, because of inability to perform the functions of a position, or because of ill health or by the Employee's request, an Employee is transferred to a lower rated classification, the Employee's rate will be adjusted immediately to that step in the scale where the Employee would have been positioned had the Employee been retained in the lower rated classification from commencement of employment.

ARTICLE 15: LAYOFF AND RECALL

15.01 *Notice*

- (a) In case it becomes necessary to reduce the working force, or eliminate positions, the Employer will notify Employees in person or by registered mail who are laid off fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the layoff, and shall forward to the Union a copy of the notice of layoff forthwith, except that the fourteen (14) calendar days notice shall not apply where layoff

results from an Act of God, fire, flood or a work stoppage by Employees not covered by this Collective Agreement.

- (b) Where the layoff results from an Act of God, fire or flood, fourteen (14) calendar days notice is not required but up to two (2) weeks pay in lieu thereof shall be paid to affected Employees.

15.02 (a) Subject to the provisions of Article 15.02(b), lay-off shall occur in reverse order of seniority.

- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 15.02(a), the Employer shall have the right to retain Employees who would otherwise be laid off when lay-off in accordance with Article 15.02(a) would result in retaining Employees who do not have the ability to perform the work.

15.03 *Displacement*

- (a) An Employee whose position is eliminated by the Employer or who is displaced in accordance with this Article shall, provided the Employee has not less than twenty-four (24) months of seniority, have the right to displace an Employee with less seniority in a position for which the Employee has the ability to perform the work or, at the Employee's option, take a position which is vacant and for which the Employee has the ability to perform the work.

- (b) An Employee exercising the right to displace another Employee or to take a vacant position pursuant to Article 15.03(a) shall within forty-eight (48) hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays or Named Holidays, of receipt of written notice from the Employer of the elimination of the Employee's position or displacement, advise the Employer, in writing, of her or his decision, including the name of the Employee she or he wishes to displace or the vacant position she or he wishes to take. Where the Employee fails to exercise such right within the specified time limit, the Employee shall be deemed to have waived the right to displace another Employee or take a vacant position and the Employer shall:

- (i) place the Employee in any available vacant position of the Employer's choice for which the Employee has the ability to perform the work; or

- (ii) in the absence of such a vacancy effect a layoff in accordance with Article 15.02 by serving notice pursuant to Article 15.01.

- (c) Where an Employee with less than twenty-four (24) months of seniority has her or his position eliminated or is displaced in accordance with this Article, the Employer shall:

- (i) assign the Employee to any available position which is vacant and for which the Employee has the ability to perform the work; or
 - (ii) in the absence of such a vacancy effect a layoff in accordance with Article 15.02 by serving notice pursuant to Article 15.01.
- (d) Where an Employee's position is eliminated and where an Employee is displaced as a result of a procedure under this Article, such Employee's rate of pay shall not be reduced until such time as the rate for the classification in which she or he is employed exceeds that of the Employee.

15.04 *Recalls*

- (a) When increasing the work force, recalls shall be carried out in order of seniority provided the Employee has the ability to perform the work. Such recall shall apply only to work periods of longer than fourteen (14) calendar days duration.
- (b) When the work period is for a shorter duration, the Employer shall endeavour to offer such work to laid off Employees in order of their seniority provided the Employee has the ability to perform the work before offering the work to a casual Employee. An Employee on layoff shall have the right to refuse an offer of a work period of fourteen (14) calendar days or less without adversely affecting the Employee's recall status.
- (c) The method of recall shall be by telephone and, if such is not possible, by double registered letter sent either by mail or courier to the Employee's last known place of residence. The Employee so notified shall return to work as soon as possible but not later than five (5) days following the date of the telephone call or the date the letter was registered.

15.05 No new Employees shall be hired while there are other Employees on layoff as long as laid off Employees can perform the work required.

15.06 *Benefits*

- (a) The Employer shall make payment for its share of the full premium of the benefits referred to in Article 21.01 on behalf of a laid off Employee for a maximum of one (1) months premium.
- (b) Employees laid off for more than one (1) month may, with the assistance of or through the Employer, make prior arrangements for payment of the full premiums of the benefits referred to in Article 21.01.

15.07 *Application of Collective Agreement*

- (a) The operation of this Article shall not be construed as a violation of the posting and/or scheduling provisions of Articles 7, and 14.
- (b) Where an Employee works while on lay-off in accordance with Article 15.04(b), the provisions of the Collective Agreement applicable to a casual Employee shall apply.
- (c) Should an Employee be affected pursuant to Article 15.01(a) while the Employee is on leave of absence, Workers' Compensation or absent due to illness or injury, the Employee shall be served with notice under Article 15.01 after the Employee has advised the Employer of her or his readiness to return to work.
- (d) Other than for the continuance of seniority, discipline, grievance and arbitration rights and rights and benefits arising under this Article, an Employee's rights while on layoff shall be limited to the right to recall.

ARTICLE 16: TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT PAY

For Locals #91, #99, #118, #150, #154 only:

16.01 *Charge Pay*

- (a) The Employer shall designate a person to be in charge of a ward or unit. Where such person is absent from the ward or unit for a consecutive time period of two (2) hours or more, an alternate will be designated in charge.
- (b) When an Employee who holds the position of a Staff Nurse is designated in charge of a ward or unit, such Employee shall be paid an additional one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per hour.

- 16.02
- (a) When an Employee is assigned to replace another Employee in a higher paid classification for one full shift or longer, the Employee shall be paid an additional amount equal to the differential between the beginning rate for the Employee's classification and the beginning rate for the more senior classification in which the Employee is relieving.
 - (b) When an Employee is assigned to replace another person in an out-of-scope position at a more senior level for one (1) full shift or longer the Employee shall be paid an additional one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per hour.

ARTICLE 16: CHARGE PAY

For Local #204 only:

16.01 *Charge Pay*

- (a) The Employer shall designate a person to be in charge of a ward or unit. Where such person is absent from the ward or unit for a consecutive time period of two (2) hours or more, an alternate will be designated in charge.
- (b) When an Employee who holds the position of a Staff Nurse is designated in charge of a ward or unit, such Employee shall be paid an additional one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per hour.
- (c) Where, as of June 29, 1998, the person in charge of a ward or unit on a specific shift is a Registered Nurse or Registered Psychiatric Nurse, the person designated in charge of that ward or unit and specific shift will continue to be a Registered Nurse or Registered Psychiatric Nurse.

16.02 (a) When an Employee is assigned to replace another Employee in a higher paid classification for one full shift or longer, the Employee shall be paid an additional amount equal to the differential between the beginning rate for the Employee's classification and the beginning rate for the more senior classification in which the Employee is relieving.

- (b) When an Employee is assigned to replace another person in an out-of-scope position at a more senior level for one (1) full shift or longer, the Employee shall be paid an additional one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per hour.

ARTICLE 16: TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT PAY

For Locals #12 and #72 only:

16.01 *Charge Pay*

- (a) The Employer shall designate a person to be in charge of a ward or unit. Where such person is absent from the ward or unit for a consecutive time period of two (2) hours or more, an alternate will be designated in charge.
- (b) When an Employee who holds the position of a Staff Nurse is designated in charge of a ward or unit, such Employee shall be paid an additional one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per hour.
- (c) The Employer shall prepare a document specifying the roles and responsibilities of a person designated in charge. Copies of such

documents shall be on hand at each nursing unit and shall be available to each Employee upon request.

- (d) Where, as of March 4, 1997, the person in charge of a ward or unit on a specific shift is a Registered Nurse or Registered Psychiatric Nurse, the person designated in charge of that ward or unit and specific shift will continue to be a Registered Nurse or Registered Psychiatric Nurse.
- 16.02
- (a) When an Employee is assigned to replace another Employee in a higher paid classification for one full shift or longer, the Employee shall be paid an additional amount equal to the differential between the beginning rate for the Employee's classification and the beginning rate for the more senior classification in which the Employee is relieving.
 - (b) When an Employee is assigned to replace another person in an out-of-scope position at a more senior level for one (1) full shift or longer, the Employee shall be paid an additional one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per hour.

ARTICLE 17: VACATIONS WITH PAY

17.01 *Definitions*

For the purpose of this Article:

- (a) "vacation" means annual vacation with pay;
- (b) "vacation year" means the twelve (12) month period commencing on the first (1st) day of April in each calendar year and concluding on the last day of March of the following calendar year;
- (c) "date of employment" means:
 - (i) in the case of an Employee whose employment commenced between the first (1st) and fifteenth (15th) days inclusive of any month, the first (1st) day of that calendar month; or
 - (ii) in the case of an Employee whose employment commenced between the sixteenth (16th) and last days inclusive of any month, the first (1st) day of the following calendar month.

17.02 *Vacation Entitlement*

During each year of continuous employment, an Employee shall earn entitlement to a vacation with pay to be taken in the next following year as follows:

(a) *Staff Nurse and Assistant Head Nurse*

Provided that any more favourable or beneficial vacation entitlement which applied to existing Employees in these positions prior to the effective date of this Collective Agreement shall be preserved and continued in effect:

- (i) during the first (1st) year of such employment, an Employee earns a vacation of fifteen (15) working days;
- (ii) during each of the second (2nd) to ninth (9th) years of employment, an Employee earns a vacation of twenty (20) working days;
- (iii) during each of the tenth (10th) to nineteenth (19th) years of employment, an Employee commences to earn vacation with pay at the rate of twenty-five (25) working days per year;
- (iv) during each of the twentieth (20th) and subsequent years of employment, an Employee commences to earn vacation with pay at the rate of thirty (30) working days per year.

(b) *Head Nurse and Instructor*

- (i) during each of the first (1st) to ninth (9th) years of employment, an Employee earns a vacation of twenty (20) working days;
- (ii) during each of the tenth (10th) to nineteenth (19th) years of employment, an Employee commences to earn vacation with pay at the rate of twenty-five (25) working days per year;
- (iii) during each of the twentieth (20th) and subsequent years of employment, an Employee commences to earn vacation with pay at the rate of thirty (30) working days per year.

(c) *Employee with Less than a Year of Service*

An Employee who has less than one (1) year of service prior to the first (1st) day of April in any one (1) year shall be entitled to a vacation calculated on the number of months from the date of employment in proportion to which the number of months of the Employee's service bears to twelve (12) months.

- (d) Where a voluntarily terminated Employee commences employment within six (6) months of date of termination of employment with another Employer signatory to an agreement containing this provision, such Employee, shall, after one (1) year of service, receive vacation entitlement as though the Employee's employment had been continuous. The

Employer shall provide the Employee with a written statement of the Employee's vacation entitlement upon termination.

17.03 *Time of Vacation*

- (a) All vacation earned during one (1) vacation year shall be taken during the next following vacation year at a mutually agreeable time.
- (b)
 - (i) The Employer shall post the vacation schedule planner by January 1st of each year. Where an Employee submits her or his vacation preference by March 15th of that year, the Employer shall indicate in writing approval or disapproval of that vacation request and shall post the resulting vacation schedule by April 30th of the same year. Where the number of Employees indicating a preference for a specific period exceeds the number of Employees as determined by the Employer that can be allocated vacation during that period, seniority shall be the deciding factor.
 - (ii) When an Employee submits a request in writing after April 30 for vacation, the Employer shall indicate approval or disapproval in writing of the vacation request within fourteen (14) days of the request.
- (c) Notwithstanding Article 17.03 (a), an Employee may be permitted to carry forward a portion of unused vacation to the next vacation year. Requests to carry forward vacation shall be made in writing and shall not be unreasonably denied.
- (d) Notwithstanding Article 17.03 (a) a full-time or part-time Employee shall have the right to utilize vacation credits during the vacation year in which they are earned provided the following conditions are met:
 - (i) the utilization does not exceed the total vacation earned by the Employee at the time of taking the vacation; and
 - (ii) such vacation can be taken at a mutually agreeable time.
- (e)
 - (i) Subject to Article 17.03(e) (ii), the Employer shall grant the annual vacation to which the Employee is entitled in one (1) unbroken period.
 - (ii) Upon request of the Employee, the Employer may grant an Employee's request to divide the Employee's vacation. Such request shall not be unreasonably denied.

17.04 *Vacation Pay on Termination*

- (a) If an Employee is terminated and proper notice given, the Employee shall receive vacation pay in lieu of:

- (i) the unused period of vacation entitlement up to March 31 in the preceding year at the Employee's basic rate, together with
 - (ii) six percent (6%) in the case of an Employee entitled to fifteen (15) working days vacation per annum; eight percent (8%) in the case of an Employee entitled to twenty (20) working days vacation per annum; or ten percent (10%) in the case of an Employee entitled to twenty-five (25) working days vacation per annum; or twelve percent (12%) in the case of an Employee entitled to thirty (30) working days vacation per annum; of the Employee's regular earnings from the first (1st) day of April in the current year to the date of termination.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Collective Agreement, if employment is terminated by an Employee:
- (i) after less than one (1) year of employment by the Employer; or
 - (ii) without giving proper notice under "Discipline, Dismissal and Resignation", Article 23.10,

such Employee shall receive vacation pay at the rate prescribed in the Employment Standards Code concerning vacations with pay, provided that the Employer may waive this clause if termination is due to illness or to other causes which are acceptable to the Employer.

- (c) For an Employee who gives at least twenty-eight (28) calendar days notice of resignation or who is dismissed, all monies due shall be paid on the last day of employment.

ARTICLE 18: NAMED HOLIDAYS

- 18.01 (a) Regular and temporary full-time Employees shall be eligible to receive a day off with pay on or for the following Named Holidays:

New Year's Day	Labour Day
Alberta Family Day	Thanksgiving Day
Good Friday	Remembrance Day
Victoria Day	Christmas Day
Canada Day	Boxing Day
August Civic Holiday	

and any day proclaimed to be a holiday by:

- (i) The Government of the Province of Alberta; or
- (ii) The Government of Canada.

Further, any one (1) day proclaimed by the government of the municipality to be a civic holiday for general observance by the municipal community in which the Institution is located.

- (b) In addition to the foregoing Named Holidays, full-time Employees who are employed on or before July 1st in any year shall be granted an additional holiday as a "Floater" holiday in that year. Such holiday shall be granted at a mutually agreeable time. Failing mutual agreement by December 31st of that year, the Employee shall receive payment for such day at the Employee's basic rate of pay.

18.02 To qualify for a Named Holiday with pay, the Employee must:

- (a) work her or his scheduled shift immediately prior to and immediately following the holiday except where the Employee is absent due to illness or other reasons acceptable to the Employer;
- (b) work on the holiday when scheduled or required to do so.

18.03 (a) An Employee obliged to work on a Named Holiday shall be paid for all hours worked on the Named Holiday at one and one-half times (1 1/2X) the Employee's basic rate of pay plus:

- (i) an alternate day off at a mutually agreed time; or
- (ii) by mutual agreement, a day added to the Employee's next annual vacation; or
- (iii) by mutual agreement, the Employee may receive payment for such day at the Employee's basic rate of pay.

- (b) The Employer shall not schedule the alternate day off with pay as provided in Article 18.03(a) (i) and (ii) until such time as the Employee and Employer have endeavoured to agree on the date of the alternate day off. Failing mutual agreement within thirty (30) calendar days following the Named Holiday of the option to be applied, the Employee shall have a day off with pay scheduled adjacent to a scheduled day of rest.

18.04 When a Named Holiday falls on a day that would otherwise be an Employee's regularly scheduled day of rest, the Employee shall receive an alternate day off as outlined in Article 18.03 above.

18.05 When a Named Holiday falls during an Employee's annual vacation, such holiday may, by mutual agreement, be added to the vacation period, or the alternate day off shall be dealt with as set out in Article 18.03.

18.06 (a) Unless otherwise requested, an Employee shall be so scheduled as to provide the Employee with days off on at least four (4) of the actual

Named Holidays. Unless otherwise requested by the Employee, one of these four (4) Named Holidays shall be either Christmas or New Year's Day.

- (b) (i) An Employee granted Christmas Day off in accordance with Article 18.06(a) shall be scheduled such that the Employee shall have two (2) consecutive days where she or he will not be obliged to work (i.e. December 24 and 25; or December 25 and 26).
- (ii) An Employee granted New Year's Day off in accordance with Article 18.06(a) shall be scheduled such that the Employee shall have two (2) consecutive days where she or he shall not be obliged to work (i.e. December 31 and January 1; or January 1 and 2).
- (c) Where a Named Holiday falls on a Friday or a Monday, an Employee scheduled for days of rest on the adjacent weekend shall, where possible, be granted the Named Holiday off duty.

ARTICLE 19: SICK LEAVE

- 19.01 (a) Sick leave is provided by the Employer for an illness, quarantine by a Medical Officer of Health or because of an accident for which compensation is not payable under the Workers' Compensation Act.
- (b) The Employer recognizes that alcoholism, drug addiction and mental illness are illnesses which can respond to therapy and treatment and that absence from work due to such therapy shall be considered sick leave.
- 19.02 After three (3) months of service an Employee shall be allowed a credit for sick leave computed from the date of employment at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) working days for each full month of employment up to a maximum credit of one hundred and twenty (120) working days provided, however, that an Employee shall not be entitled to apply sick leave credits prior to the completion of three (3) months of service.
- 19.03 An Employee granted sick leave shall be paid for the period of such leave at the Employee's basic rate of pay and the number of days thus paid shall be deducted from the Employee's accumulated sick leave credits up to the total amount of the Employee's accumulated credits at the time sick leave commenced.
- 19.04 Employees may be required to submit satisfactory proof to the Employer of any illness, non-occupational accident or quarantine.
- 19.05 When an Employee has accrued the maximum sick leave credits of one hundred and twenty (120) working days, the Employee shall no longer accrue sick leave credits until such time as the Employee's total accumulation is reduced below the

maximum. At that time the Employee shall recommence accumulating sick leave credits.

- 19.06 (a) No sick leave shall be granted for any illness which is incurred once an Employee commences her or his vacation; in this event, the Employee will be receiving vacation pay.
- (b) Sick leave shall be granted:
- (i) if an Employee becomes ill during her or his vacation period as stated in Article 19.06(a) above, only after the expiry of the Employee's vacation and provided the illness continues beyond the vacation;
 - (ii) for the period of sick time falling within a scheduled vacation period provided that the Employee becomes ill prior to the commencement of the scheduled vacation. If the Employee so wishes the number of sick days paid within the scheduled vacation period shall be considered as vacation days not taken and may be rescheduled to a later date.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provision of Article 19.06(a), should an Employee be admitted to hospital as an "in-patient" during the course of her or his vacation, the Employee shall be considered as being on sick leave for the period of hospitalization and subsequent period of recovery provided the Employee notifies the Employer upon return from vacation and provides satisfactory proof of hospitalization. Vacation time not taken as a result of such stay in hospital shall be rescheduled to a mutually agreeable time.
- 19.07 (a) An Employee who has been receiving Disability benefits and who is able to return to work and who is:
- (i) capable of performing the duties of her or his former position, shall provide the Employer with two (2) weeks written notice of readiness to return to work. The Employer shall then place the Employee in the same position held by the Employee immediately prior to the Employee's disability;
 - (ii) incapable of performing the duties of her or his former position, but is capable of performing the duties of her or his former classification, shall provide the Employer with twenty-eight (28) days written notice of the Employee's readiness to return to work and the Employer shall then place the Employee in an existing position for which the Employee is capable of performing the work entailed;

- (iii) incapable of performing the duties of her or his former classification, shall be considered to have terminated her or his employment relationship with the Employer on the day following the last date of Long-Term Disability benefits.
 - (b) An Employee who does not qualify for L.T.D.I. benefits and who exhausts her or his sick leave credits during the course of an illness shall be considered as remaining on sick leave without pay or benefits for the duration of the illness or up to eighteen (18) months, whichever is the lesser. Upon the Employee's readiness to return to work following such leave the Employee shall provide the Employer with one (1) months notice of her or his intention to return to work. The Employer shall then reinstate the Employee in the same classification which the Employee held immediately prior to the absence, subject to the Lay-off and Recall provisions of this Collective Agreement.
 - (c) Any Employee who is displaced because of the provisions of this Article shall be entitled to displacement rights as per Article 15.03.
- 19.08 Upon request of an Employee but not more frequently than quarterly, the Employer shall advise an Employee of her or his accrued sick leave credits.
- 19.09 Sick leave credits shall not accumulate during periods of illness or injury.
- 19.10 An Employee who has accrued sick leave entitlement under the terms of this Collective Agreement shall, upon the voluntary termination of employment with the Employer, be entitled to retain such entitlement provided the Employee enters into employment at an Institution at which the Employer is also party to an agreement with an identical sick leave provision, within six (6) months of the date of termination of employment. Otherwise, sick leave credits shall be cancelled and no payment shall be due therefor. The Employee shall be provided with a written statement of such entitlement upon termination.
- 19.11 When an Employee is required to travel for the purposes of medical referral and/or treatment, the Employee shall have the right to utilize accumulated sick leave credits for such absence, provided the Employee has been given prior authorization by the Employer. The Employee may be required to submit satisfactory proof of such appointment.
- 19.12 The placement of an Employee in accordance with this Article shall not be construed as being a violation of the posting and/or scheduling provisions of Articles 7, and 14.

ARTICLE 20: WORKERS' COMPENSATION

- 20.01 An Employee who is incapacitated and unable to work, as a result of an accident sustained while on duty in the service of the Employer within the meaning of the

Workers' Compensation Act, shall continue to receive full net salary provided the Employee assigns over to the Employer, on proper forms, the monies due from the Workers' Compensation Board for time lost due to accident. A deduction of one-tenth (1/10) day shall be charged against sick leave credits for each day an Employee is off work. Employees shall only receive full net salary to the extent that one-tenth (1/10) day can be deducted from sick leave credits, following which time the Employee will be deemed to be on sick leave without pay pursuant to Article 19.07(b).

20.02 An Employee who has been on Workers' Compensation and who is certified by the Workers' Compensation Board to be fit to return to work and who is:

- (a) capable of performing the duties of her or his former position, shall provide the Employer with two (2) weeks written notice of readiness to return to work. The Employer shall then place the Employee in the same position held by the Employee immediately prior to the disability with benefits that accrued to the Employee prior to the disability;
- (b) incapable of performing the duties of her or his former position, but is capable of performing the duties of her or his former classification, shall provide the Employer with twenty-eight (28) days written notice of the Employee's readiness to return to work. The Employer shall then place the Employee to an existing position for which the Employee is capable of performing the work entailed, with benefits that accrued to the Employee prior to the disability;
- (c) incapable of performing the duties of her or his former classification, shall be entitled to benefits under Sick Leave or Short-Term Disability or Long-Term Disability, in accordance with Articles 19 or 21.
- (d) For the purpose of determining salary increments, an Employee who is in receipt of Workers' Compensation benefits shall be deemed to remain in the continuous service of the Employer.

20.03 The reinstatement of an Employee in accordance with this Article shall not be construed as being a violation of the posting and/or scheduling provisions of Articles 7, and 14.

ARTICLE 21: PREPAID HEALTH BENEFITS

21.01 The Employer shall provide the following group plans for which participation is compulsory for all eligible Employees:

- (a) Alberta Blue Cross Supplementary Benefits Plan or equivalent, including the direct payment provision where such provision was in effect on December 31, 1981;

- (b) Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan;
- (c) The Alberta Healthcare Association Benefits Plan or equivalent, inclusive of:
 - (i) Group Life Insurance (1X basic annual earnings rounded to next highest one thousand dollars [\$1,000]);
 - (ii) Accidental Death and Dismemberment (basic) (1X basic annual earnings rounded to next highest one thousand dollars [\$1,000]);
 - (iii) Short-Term Disability (income replacement for a period of up to one hundred and twenty [120] working days during a qualifying disability equal to sixty-six and two-thirds percent [66 2/3%] of basic weekly earnings to the established maximum following a fourteen [14] day elimination period where applicable. The Short-Term Disability shall become effective on the first (1st) working day following the expiry of sick leave credits in the case of absence due to injury or hospitalization. In the particular case of Employees who have insufficient sick leave credits to satisfy the fourteen [14] calendar day elimination period, the Short-Term Disability shall commence on the fifteenth [15th] day following the commencement of non-hospitalized sickness);
 - (iv) Long-Term Disability (income replacement during a qualifying disability equal to sixty-six and two-thirds percent [66 2/3%] of basic monthly earnings to the established maximum following a one hundred and twenty [120] working day elimination period);
 - (v) Alberta Blue Cross Dental Plan or equivalent, which provides for the reimbursement of eighty percent (80%) of eligible Basic Services; fifty percent (50%) of eligible Extensive Services, and fifty percent (50%) of eligible Orthodontic Services. A maximum annual reimbursement of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) per insured person per benefit year shall apply to Extensive Services. Orthodontic Services shall be subject to a lifetime maximum reimbursement of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) per insured person.

21.02 Where the benefits specified in Article 21.01 are provided through insurance obtained by the Employer, the administration of such plans shall be subject to and governed by the terms and conditions of the policies or contracts entered into with the underwriters of the plan.

21.03 The premium costs shall be shared seventy-five percent (75%) by the Employer and twenty-five percent (25%) by the Employee.

- 21.04 The Employer shall distribute to all Employees brochures and other relevant information concerning the above plans, upon hiring and when there are changes to the plans.
- 21.05 (a) The Employer shall provide one (1) copy of each of the plans to the Provincial Office of the United Nurses of Alberta.
- (b) The Employer shall advise the United Nurses of Alberta of all premium rate changes pursuant to Article 21.01.
- 21.06 Such coverage shall be provided to regular and temporary Employees except for:
- (a) a part-time Employee whose hours of work are less than fifteen (15) hours per week averaged over one (1) complete cycle of the shift schedule; and
- (b) a temporary Employee who is hired to work for a position of less than six (6) months;

which Employees are eligible to participate only in Articles 21.01(a), 21.01(b) and Article 21.01(c)(v) above.

ARTICLE 22: LEAVES OF ABSENCE

22.01 *General Leave*

Leave of absence without pay may be granted to an Employee at the discretion of the Employer and the Employee shall not work for gain during the period of leave of absence except with the express consent of the Employer.

22.02 *Bereavement Leave*

- (a) Upon request, an Employee shall be granted reasonable leave of absence in the event of a death of a member of the Employee's immediate family (i.e. spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, guardian or fiancé(e)). Spouse shall include common-law and/or same sex relationship. Step-parent, step-children, step-brother and step-sister shall be considered as members of the Employee's immediate family. For the first five (5) calendar days of such leave of absence, the Employee shall suffer no loss of regular earnings.
- (b) In the event of a death of another relative or close friend, the Employer may grant up to one (1) working day off with pay to attend the funeral services.

22.03 *Maternity Leave*

- (a) An Employee who has completed her probationary period shall, upon her written request providing at least two (2) weeks advance notice where possible, be granted maternity leave to become effective twelve (12) weeks immediately preceding the date of expected delivery or such shorter period as may be requested by the Employee, provided that she commences maternity leave no later than the date of delivery.
- (b) Maternity leave shall be without pay and benefits, except for the portion of maternity leave during which the Employee has a valid health-related reason for being absent from work and is also in receipt of sick leave, EI SUB Plan benefits or disability benefits. Maternity leave shall not exceed twelve (12) months unless mutually agreed otherwise between the Employee and the Employer.
- (c) An Employee on such leave shall provide the Employer with at least two (2) weeks written notice of readiness to return to work. The Employer shall reinstate her in the same position held by her immediately prior to taking leave, or, if such is not possible, provide her with alternate work of a comparable nature at not less than the same step in the pay scale and other benefits that accrued to her up to the date she commenced leave.
- (d) For the portion of Maternity Leave during which an Employee has a valid health-related reason for being absent from work, she will be treated in every respect the same as any other Employee on sick leave or on disability benefits.

22.04 *Adoption/Paternity Leave*

- (a) An Employee who has completed her or his probationary period shall, upon written request, be granted leave without pay and benefits for up to twelve (12) months that is necessary for the purpose of adopting a child or for parenting duties following the birth of a child. An Employee on such leave shall provide the Employer with at least two (2) weeks written notice of readiness to return to work. The Employer shall reinstate the Employee in the same position held by her or him immediately prior to taking leave, or, if such is not possible, provide the Employee with alternate work of a comparable nature at not less than the same step in the pay scale and other benefits that accrued to the Employee up to the date leave commenced.
- (b) The Employee may commence adoption leave upon one (1) day's notice provided that application for such leave is made when the adoption has been approved and the Employer is kept informed of the progress of the adoption proceedings.

- (c) The Employee may commence paternity leave with one (1) days notice provided that the initial application for such leave is made twelve (12) weeks prior to the expected date of delivery.

22.05 *Educational Leave*

- (a) For the purpose of determining salary increments, an Employee who is granted leave of absence for educational purposes shall be deemed to remain in the continuous service of the Employer for the first twenty-four (24) months of such period of leave.
- (b) During an Employee's educational leave, the Employee may work as a casual Employee with the Employer without adversely affecting the Employee's reinstatement to the position from which the Employee is on leave.

22.06 *Court Appearance*

- (a) In the event an Employee is required to appear before a court of law as a member of a jury or as a witness in matters arising out of the Employee's employment with the Employer, the Employee shall:
 - (i) suffer no loss of regular earnings for the scheduled shift(s) so missed;
 - (ii) be paid an amount equal to the Employee's average daily earnings at the basic rate of pay to a maximum of the Employee's regularly scheduled daily hours for each day in attendance in court on a scheduled day of rest, and be granted an alternate day of rest as scheduled by the Employer. Such rescheduling of the day of rest shall not be construed to be a violation of the scheduling provisions of Article 7.
- (b) In the event an Employee is scheduled to work on the evening or night shift(s) on the day(s) or the night shift commencing on the day(s) on which the Employee is called as a juror or witness in matters arising out of the Employee's employment with the Employer, the Employee shall be granted a leave of absence for those scheduled shift(s).
- (c) Where an Employee is required by law to appear before a court of law for reasons other than those stated in (a) above, the Employee shall be granted a leave of absence without pay.

22.07 *Family Leave*

If an Employee is unable to report to work as the result of illness in the immediate family requiring the Employee's personal attention, the Employee shall inform the Employer of such and shall use a vacation day, unpaid leave of absence or banked

overtime for the hours not worked. Such absence from work shall not exceed three (3) calendar days per year. The Employee may be required to submit satisfactory proof of illness.

22.08 *Statement of Policy*

The Employer shall issue and make available to the Union a statement of policy in respect to leaves of absence and any other assistance which it may make available to Employees who desire to seek leave for educational purposes.

22.09 *General Policies Governing Leaves of Absence*

- (a) Applications for leave of absence shall be made, in writing, to the Employer as early as possible in order that staff substitutions may be arranged. Applications shall indicate the date of departure on leave and the date of return.
- (b) Except as provided in Article 22.03(d), where an Employee is granted a leave of absence of more than a months duration, and that Employee is covered by any or all of the plans specified in Article 21, that Employee may, subject to the Insurer's requirements, make prior arrangement for the prepayment of the full premiums for the applicable plans.
- (c) With the exception of a leave of absence for Union business, and the health related portion of maternity leave, in the case of a leave of absence in excess of one (1) month, Employees shall cease to accrue sick leave and earned vacation to the extent that such leave exceeds one (1) month. The Employee's increment date shall also be adjusted by the same amount of time.
- (d) Employees shall not be entitled to Named Holidays with pay which may fall during the period of leave of absence.

ARTICLE 23: DISCIPLINE, DISMISSAL AND RESIGNATION

23.01 Unsatisfactory conduct by an Employee which is considered by the Employer to be serious enough to be entered on the Employee's record but not serious enough to warrant suspension or dismissal shall result in a written warning to the Employee and a copy to the Union within ten (10) days of the date the Employer first became aware of, or reasonably should have become aware of the occurrence of the act. A written warning that is grieved and determined to be unjustified shall be removed from the Employee's record.

23.02 Unsatisfactory performance by an Employee which is considered by the Employer to be serious enough to be entered on the Employee's record, but not serious enough to warrant suspension or dismissal, shall result in a written warning to the Employee and a copy to the Union within ten (10) days of the date the Employer

first became aware of, or reasonably should have become aware of the occurrence of the act. It shall state a definite period in which improvement or correction is expected and, at the conclusion of such time the Employee's performance shall be reviewed with respect to the discipline. The Employee shall be informed in writing of the results of the review. The assignment of an improvement or correction period shall not act to restrict the Employer's right to take further action during said period, should the Employee's performance so warrant. A written warning that is grieved and determined to be unjustified shall be removed from the Employee's record.

- 23.03 In the event an Employee is suspended or dismissed, the Employer shall, provide written reasons for the suspension or dismissal to the Employee and the Union forthwith and in any event not later than five (5) days of the action being taken. The action of suspension or dismissal shall be within ten (10) days of the date the Employer first became aware of, or reasonably should have become aware of the occurrence of the act giving rise to the suspension or dismissal. When the action involves a suspension the notice shall specify the time period of the suspension.
- 23.04 An Employee who has been subject to disciplinary action may, after two (2) years of continuous service from the date the disciplinary measure was invoked, request in writing that the Employee's personnel file be cleared of any record of the disciplinary action. Such request shall be granted provided the Employee's file does not contain any further record of disciplinary action during the two (2) year period, of which the Employee is aware. The Employer shall confirm in writing to the Employee that such action has been effected.
- 23.05 The procedures stated in Articles 23.01, 23.02 and 23.03 do not prevent immediate suspension or dismissal for just cause.
- 23.06 Where circumstances permit, the Employer shall schedule a disciplinary discussion with the Employee by giving reasonable advance notice which shall not be less than twenty-four (24) hours. At such discussion an Employee may be accompanied by a representative of the Union. The Employee shall be advised of this right at the time of the scheduling of the meeting.
- 23.07 In the event that an Employee is reported to her or his licensing body by the Employer, the Employee shall be so advised and a written copy shall be forwarded to the Union forthwith.
- 23.08 An Employee absent for three (3) consecutive scheduled work days without good and proper reason and without notifying the Employer shall be considered to have terminated her or his services with the Employer.
- 23.09 Except for the dismissal of a probationary Employee, there shall be no suspension, dismissal or discipline except for just cause.

23.10 Twenty-eight (28) calendar days notice in writing, shall be given by the Employee who resigns.

23.11 Vacation pay on termination shall be paid in accordance with Article 17.04.

ARTICLE 24: NO STRIKE OR LOCKOUT

24.01 There shall be no strike, lockout or slowdown during the currency of this Collective Agreement.

ARTICLE 25: SALARIES

25.01 (a) Basic hourly salary scales and increments as set out in the Salaries Appendix shall be applicable to all Employees covered by this Collective Agreement effective on the dates specified therein.

25.02 (A) Upon obtaining designation as an Alberta Registered Psychiatric Nurse:

(a) a newly graduated nurse shall be paid the rate applicable to a Registered Psychiatric Nurse, retroactive to the date of successfully writing her or his registration examinations or the Employee's most recent date of employment, whichever is later; and

(b) in all other cases, a nurse who is not registered on the date of employment and who subsequently is successful in obtaining registration shall be paid the rate applicable to a Registered Psychiatric Nurse, retroactive to the date of filing proof of application for Alberta Registration with the Employer or the Employee's most recent date of employment, whichever is later.

(B) Upon becoming registered by the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, a Temporary Permit Holder (TPH):

(a) if newly graduated from an approved School of Nursing in Alberta having completed a basic nursing education program or one who has satisfied the University Co-ordinating Council that the Employee has completed a training program substantially equivalent to the basic nursing education program offered by an approved School of Nursing in Alberta, shall be paid the rate applicable to a Registered Nurse, retroactive to the date of successfully writing the Employee's course registration - examination or the Employee's most recent date of employment, whichever is later; and

(b) in all other cases, a Temporary Permit Holder who has applied for issuance of an annual certificate pursuant to the Nursing Profession Act, and who subsequently qualifies to have her or his name

entered into the register of registered nurses, shall be paid the rate applicable to a Registered Nurse, retroactive to the date:

- (i) of issuance of the temporary permit; or
- (ii) of successfully writing her or his nurse registration examination if such is required; or
- (iii) the Employee's most recent date of employment, whichever is later.

25.03 Where the Employer establishes a new classification within the scope of this Collective Agreement or where a position is placed within the bargaining unit by a decision of the Labour Relations Board, the rates of pay applicable shall be subject to negotiation between the parties. Where mutual agreement is not obtained concerning the rates of pay, this matter shall be referred to Arbitration as provided within this Collective Agreement. An Arbitration Board in such a case shall have the power to establish a rate of pay for the classification in question.

25.04 Where the Employer has in place a system of depositing pay cheques in a bank on behalf of Employees, all Employees shall participate, providing that the deposit shall be made in the account of the Employee's choice no later than noon on the designated pay day.

25.05 Except where payroll cheques or slips are distributed directly to the Employee by the payroll office, the Employer shall issue such cheques or slips in a manner which holds private information on such documents.

25.06 The Employee's payroll cheque stub shall display the purpose and amount of each item of income to the extent that the Employer's accounting system is capable. The Employee's payroll cheque stub shall display the purpose and amount of each deduction.

25.07 An Employee may request and shall be given information related to sick leave, vacation, overtime accumulation and days in lieu of Named Holidays. The Employer will provide this information within five (5) working days, excluding weekends and Named Holidays. The format of this information may vary depending on the Employers information system.

ARTICLE 26: EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCES

26.01 For the purpose of establishing an Employee's basic rate of pay, the Employer will recognize courses, diplomas and degrees relevant to exclusive nursing practice offered by bona fide post secondary educational institutions. With respect to gerontological certification, the certification must be provided by the Canadian Nurses Association

	<i>Course</i>	<i>Hourly Allowance</i>
	Clinical Course	35¢
	Gerontological Certification	35¢
	Active registration in the AARN and eligible for active registration in the RPNAA (or vice versa)	35¢
	Diploma/Certificate in Nursing Unit Administration	35¢
	One Year Diploma	35¢
	Baccalaureate Degree	75¢
	Master's Degree	\$1.00
	Doctorate	\$1.25
26.02	The allowances for a clinical course and for the diploma/certificate in Nursing Unit Administration are payable only when the course is applicable to the position held by the Employee.	
26.03	Allowances for education are not cumulative and an Employee shall be paid only for the highest qualification attained.	
26.04	Allowances for education shall be paid from the date the Employee provides proof of qualifications to the Employer or from the date of hire, whichever is the later.	

ARTICLE 27: RECOGNITION OF PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

- 27.01 When an Employee has experience satisfactory to the Employer, the Employee's starting salary shall be adjusted as follows:
- (a) Experience prior to a five (5) year lapse will not be recognized.
 - (b) All experience satisfactory to the Employer shall be recognized on a one-for-one basis, up to the top increment in the salary scale.
- 27.02 Additional time worked, measured in monthly units and not credited for purposes of initial placement on the salary scale shall be applied towards the calculation of the next increment.

ARTICLE 28: SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL AND WEEKEND PREMIUM

28.01 *Shift Differential*

A shift differential of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per hour shall be paid:

- (a) to Employees working a shift where the majority of such shift falls within the period of fifteen hundred (1500) hours to zero seven hundred (0700) hours; or
- (b) to Employees for each regularly scheduled hour worked between fifteen hundred (1500) hours to zero seven hundred (0700) hours provided that greater than one (1) hour is worked between fifteen hundred (1500) hours and zero seven hundred (0700) hours.
- (c) to Employees for all overtime hours worked which fall within the period of fifteen hundred (1500) hours to zero seven hundred (0700) hours.

28.02 *Weekend Premium*

A weekend premium of one dollar and ten cents (\$1.10) per hour shall be paid:

- (a) to Employees working a shift wherein the majority of such shift falls within a sixty-four (64) hour period commencing at fifteen hundred (1500) hours on a Friday; or
- (b) to Employees working each regularly scheduled hour worked after fifteen hundred (1500) hours on a Friday provided that greater than one (1) hour is worked within a sixty-four (64) hour period commencing at fifteen hundred (1500) hours on a Friday.
- (c) to Employees working all overtime hours which fall within the sixty-four (64) hour period commencing at fifteen hundred (1500) hours on a Friday.

28.03 All premiums payable under this Article shall not be considered as part of the Employee's basic rate of pay.

ARTICLE 29: PENSION PLAN

29.01 The Employer shall contribute to the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan or an alternate plan agreed to by the Union, as applicable, to provide benefits for participating Employees, provided they are scheduled to work at least fourteen (14) hours per week as averaged over one (1) complete cycle of the shift schedule, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable Plan.

- 29.02 Where an eligible part-time Employee requests enrollment in a pension plan referred to in Article 29.01, the Employer shall facilitate such enrollment by providing the Employee with the necessary forms and submitting such forms as may be necessary to the applicable plan forthwith.
- 29.03 Where the Employee requests within five (5) years of the Employee's date of hire to have the Employee's first (1st) year of employment recognized as pensionable service, the Employer shall facilitate such arrangements as may be necessary and shall pay the Employer's portion of the contributions for the first (1st) year of service.
- 29.04 The Employer shall distribute to all Employees brochures and other relevant material outlining the above plan upon hiring and when there are changes to the Plan.

ARTICLE 30: PART-TIME, TEMPORARY AND CASUAL EMPLOYEES

- 30.01 Except as modified in this Article, all provisions of this Collective Agreement shall apply to part-time and casual Employees except that Articles 7.01(a), 7.02, 7.03, 7.04, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 shall have no application to casual Employees.
- 30.02 (a) A temporary Employee shall be covered by the terms of this collective agreement, except that a temporary Employee shall have no rights under Article 15: Layoff and Recall.
- (b) At the time of hire or transfer to a temporary position the Employer shall state in writing a specific number of hours per shift and shifts per shift cycle which shall constitute the regular hours of work for the position. Subject to the right of the Employer to release such Employee when no longer required in that capacity or on completion of the expected term of the position, the aforementioned confirmation shall specify the expected term of the temporary position.
- (c) An Employee occupying a temporary position shall not have the right to grieve placement pursuant to Article 14.02, if so eligible, or termination of her or his employment pursuant to Article 30.02(b).
- 30.03 Amend Article 7.01(a) to read:
- “7.01 (a) (i) Regular hours of work for part-time Employees, exclusive of meal periods, shall be as scheduled by the Employer but shall be less than those for full-time Employees. They may be less than seven point seven five (7.75) hours per day and in any event, shall be less than thirty-six point eight one (36.81) hours per week averaged over one (1) complete cycle of the shift schedule.

- (ii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, where mutually agreed, a part-time Employee may work full-time hours in special circumstances such as vacation, sick leave or absence from work by an Employee for any reason.
- (iii) At time of hire or transfer, the Employer shall state in writing a specific number of hours per shift and shifts per shift cycle which shall constitute the regular hours of work for each part-time Employee. Such hours and shifts shall not be altered except by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Employee or by the operation of the provisions of this Collective Agreement.
- (iv) A part-time Employee may work shifts in addition to those specified in Article 30.03.
- (v) Where a part-time Employee volunteers or agrees, when requested, to work additional shifts which are not designated as the Employee's scheduled days of rest, the Employee shall be paid the Employee's basic rate for hours worked up to seven point seven five (7.75) hours in a day and at two times (2X) the applicable basic hourly rate for those hours worked in excess of seven point seven five (7.75) hours in a day.
- (vi) Where the Employer requires a part-time Employee to work without the Employee having volunteered or agreed to do so or on her or his scheduled day of rest, the Employee shall be paid two times (2X) the applicable basic hourly rate for work performed."

30.04 (A) Amend Article 7.02(g) to read:

- "7.02 (g) Except in cases of emergency or by mutual agreement between the Employee and the Employer, shift schedules shall provide for:
- (i) at least fifteen point five (15.5) hours off duty between shifts;
 - (ii) an average of two (2) consecutive days per week shall be scheduled as designated days of rest;
 - (iii) not more than six (6) consecutive scheduled days of work;

- (iv) designated days of rest to occur on one-half (1/2) of the weekends, averaged over one (1) complete cycle of the shift schedule, provided that an Employee shall not be scheduled to work more than two (2) consecutive weekends. “Weekend” shall mean a Saturday and the following Sunday, assuring a minimum of fifty-six (56) hours off duty. Provided however that, when scheduling considerations make compliance with the requirement that designated days of rest fall on a weekend impracticable, such will not be required. Such deviation shall be stipulated in the written advice required pursuant to Article 30.03:7.01(a)(iii).”

(B) Amend Article 7.02(h) to read:

“7.02 (h) Two (2) optional scheduling systems are available which may be applied upon mutual agreement, in writing, between the Employer and the Union. Where an option is applied, the relevant provisions of Article 30.04(A): 7.02(g) shall be as follows:

OPTION 1

- (i) at least fifteen point five (15.5) hours off duty between shifts;
- (ii) an average of two (2) consecutive days per week shall be scheduled as designated days of rest;
- (iii) not more than seven (7) consecutive scheduled days of work to occur not more than once in a four (4) week cycle;
- (iv) designated days of rest to occur on alternate weekends. One (1) weekend in each four (4) week period shall be an extended weekend. “Weekend” shall mean a Saturday and the following Sunday, assuring a minimum of fifty-six (56) hours off duty and “Extended Weekend” shall mean a Saturday and the following Sunday assuring a minimum of seventy-nine point seven five (79.75) hours off duty. Provided however that, when scheduling considerations make compliance with the requirement that designated days of rest fall on a weekend impracticable, such will not be required. Such deviation shall be stipulated in the written advice required pursuant to Article 30.03:7.01(a)(iii).

OPTION II

- (i) at least fifteen point five (15.5) hours off duty between shifts;

- (ii) an average of two (2) consecutive days per week shall be scheduled as designated days of rest;
 - (iii) not more than seven (7) consecutive scheduled days of work to occur not more than twice in a six (6) week cycle;
 - (iv) designated days of rest on three (3) weekends in a six (6) week period, one of which will be an extended weekend. "Weekend" shall mean a Saturday and the following Sunday, assuring a minimum of fifty-six (56) hours off duty, and "Extended Weekend" shall mean a Saturday and the following Sunday assuring a minimum of seventy-nine point seven five (79.75) hours off duty. Provided however that, when scheduling considerations make compliance with the requirement that designated days of rest fall on a weekend impracticable, such will not be required. Such deviation shall be stipulated in the written advice required pursuant to Article 30.03:7.01(a)(iii)."
- (C) Violation of any provision of Article 30.04 shall result in payment to each affected Employee at two times (2X) the Employee's basic rate of pay for all regular hours worked during the period of violation.
- 30.05
- (a) No casual Employee shall be scheduled except with the Employee's consent. Except where a casual Employee is scheduled for a specific job or relieves for absences, the duration of which is three (3) months or less, advance notice of scheduling shall not exceed seven (7) calendar days.
 - (b) Where a casual Employee is transferred to a position pursuant to Article 14.02, the Employee shall receive the benefits of a temporary Employee while filling that position.
 - (c) Where a casual Employee is regularly scheduled under the provisions of Article 2.05(b)(ii) and (iii) the scheduling provisions of Article 7 shall apply.
 - (d) In the event that a casual Employee reports to work as scheduled or called and the Employer cancels the Employee's shift, the Employee shall be paid three (3) hours' pay at the Employee's basic rate of pay.
- 30.06
- (a) Part-time Employees and casual Employees shall be entitled to an increment on the completion of one thousand nine hundred and twenty point seven-five (1,920.75) regular hours of work and thereafter a further increment upon the completion of each period of one thousand seven hundred and eleven point five zero (1711.50) regular hours actually worked to the maximum increment granted full-time Employees.

- (b) For part-time Employees, leave of absence for Union business, other leaves of absence not exceeding one (1) month, periods of sick leave with pay and while in receipt of Workers' Compensation benefits shall be considered as hours worked for the purpose of calculating increments in accordance with Article 30.06(a).
- (c) For part-time Employees, educational leave up to twenty-four (24) months shall be considered as hours worked for the purpose of calculating increments in accordance with Article 30.06(a).

30.07 In the case of casual Employees, amend Article 17 to read:

- “17.00 (a) Casual Employees shall be paid, in addition to their basic rate of pay, a sum equal to:
- (i) six percent (6%) of their regular earnings during the first (1st) employment year;
 - (ii) eight percent (8%) of their regular earnings during the second (2nd) to ninth (9th) employment years;
 - (iii) ten percent (10%) of their regular earnings during the tenth (10th) to nineteenth (19th) employment years;
 - (iv) twelve percent (12%) of their regular earnings during the twentieth (20th) and subsequent employment years; in lieu of vacations with pay.
- (b) Casual Employees shall receive payment in lieu of vacations with pay to which they are entitled following each pay period.”

30.08 In the case of part-time Employees, amend Article 17.02 to read:

- “17.02 (A) Only those hours of work paid at the basic rate of pay, hours worked on a Named Holiday to a maximum of seven point seven five (7.75) hours, and periods of sick leave with pay will be recognized for the purpose of determining vacation pay or entitlement.
- (B) During each year of continuous service in the employ of the Employer, an Employee shall commence earning entitlement to a vacation with pay to be taken in the next following vacation year and the rate at which such entitlement is earned shall be governed by the position held by the Employee and the total length of service in accordance with the following:
- (a) *Staff Nurse and Assistant Head Nurse*

Regular part-time Employees shall earn vacation with pay calculated in hours in accordance with the following formula:

Hours worked during the vacation year at the rate specified in 30.08 (17.02(A))	X	The applicable % outlined below	=	Number of hours of paid vacation time to be taken in the next following vacation year
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- (i) six percent (6%) during the first (1st) employment year;
- (ii) eight percent (8%) during each of the second (2nd) to ninth (9th) employment years;
- (iii) ten percent (10%) during each of the tenth (10th) to nineteenth (19th) employment years;
- (iv) twelve percent (12%) during each of the twentieth (20th) and subsequent employment years.

(b) *Head Nurse and Instructor*

Regular part-time Employees shall earn vacation with pay calculated in hours in accordance with the following formula:

Hours worked during the vacation year at the rate specified in 30.08 (17.02(A))	X	The applicable % outlined below	=	Number of hours of paid vacation time to be taken in the next following vacation year
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- (i) eight percent (8%) during each of the first (1st) to ninth (9th) employment years;
- (ii) ten percent (10%) during each of the tenth (10th) to nineteenth (19th) employment years;
- (iii) twelve percent (12%) during each of the twentieth (20th) and subsequent employment years.

(C) *Employee with Less than a Year of Service*

An Employee who has less than one (1) year of service prior to the first (1st) day of April in any one (1) year shall be entitled to a vacation calculated on the number of months from the date of employment in proportion to which the number of months of the Employee's service bears to twelve (12) months.

(D) Where a voluntarily terminated Employee commences employment within six (6) months of date of termination of employment with another Employer signatory to an agreement containing this provision, such Employee, shall, after one (1) year of service, receive vacation entitlement as though the Employee's employment had been continuous. The Employer shall provide the Employee with a written statement of the Employee's vacation entitlement upon termination."

30.09 Amend Article 17.04(a) to read:

"17.04 (a) If an Employee is terminated and proper notice given, vacation pay earned to the date of termination pursuant to Article 30.08 will be paid in compliance with Article 17.04(c)."

30.10 Amend Article 18 to read:

"18.01 Part-time and casual Employees shall be paid in addition to their basic rate of pay a sum equal to four point eight percent (4.8%) of their regular earnings in lieu of Named Holidays inclusive of the "Floater" holiday.

18.02 A part-time or casual Employee required to work on a Named Holiday shall be paid at one and one-half times (1 1/2X) the Employee's basic rate of pay for work performed up to seven point seven five (7.75) hours. Two times (2X) the Employee's basic rate of pay shall be paid for work in excess of seven point seven five (7.75) hours on such day.

18.03 (a) Unless otherwise requested an Employee shall be scheduled so as to provide the Employee with days off on at least three (3) of the actual Named Holidays. Unless otherwise requested by the Employee, one of these three (3) Named Holidays shall be either Christmas or New Year's Day.

(b) (i) An Employee granted Christmas Day off in accordance with Article 18.03(a) above, shall be scheduled such that

the Employee shall have two (2) consecutive days where the Employee will not be obliged to work (i.e. December 24 and 25; or December 25 and 26).

- (ii) An Employee granted New Year's Day off in accordance with Article 18.03(a) above, shall be scheduled such that the Employee shall have two (2) consecutive days where the Employee shall not be obliged to work (i.e. December 31 and January 1; or January 1 and 2)."

30.11 Amend Article 19.02 to read:

"19.02 A part-time Employee shall accumulate sick leave benefits on the basis of one and one-half (1 1/2) days per month, pro-rated on the basis of the regularly scheduled hours worked by the part-time Employee in relation to the regularly scheduled hours for a full-time Employee. Such Employee shall not be entitled to apply sick leave credits prior to the completion of sixty-five (65) shifts of service with the Employer."

30.12 Casual Employees shall be eligible for Workers' Compensation benefits in accordance with the laws of Alberta.

ARTICLE 31: COPIES OF COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

31.01 Following the signing of the Collective Agreement, each Employee affected shall be provided with a copy by the Employer within seven (7) days of receipt of the copies by the Employer. The Collective Agreement shall be printed in pocket-size booklet form by the United Nurses of Alberta. The costs of printing shall be shared equally between the parties.

31.02 The Employer shall provide a copy of the Collective Agreement to each new Employee upon hiring.

ARTICLE 32: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

32.01 *Communication*

- (a) Any notice or advice which the Employer or members of its administrative staff are required to give the Union in respect of any matter referred to in this Article and Article 33 shall be sufficient if sent by registered mail or delivered to the President or Secretary of the Union except where an alternate person is specified in advance by the Union in writing.
- (b) Any notice or advice which the Union is required to give to the Employer in respect of any matter referred to in this Article and Article 33 shall be

sufficient if delivered to the Administrator of the Institution or in her or his absence, her or his designate.

- (c) The hearing of grievances at any stage of the grievance procedure may be held during the normal working day with no loss of basic pay for a participating Employee provided the Employee does not leave the Employer's premises.

32.02 *Definition of Time Periods*

- (a) For the purpose of this Article, periods of time referred to in days shall be deemed to mean such periods of time calculated on consecutive calendar days exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and Named Holidays which are specified in Article 18.
- (b) Time limits may be extended by mutual agreement in writing.

32.03 *Dispute Between the Employer and the Employee(s)*

(a) **Step 1**

If a dispute arises between the Employer and an Employee regarding the interpretation, application or alleged violation of this Collective Agreement, the Employee shall first seek to settle the dispute through discussion with the unit supervisor. If the dispute is not resolved satisfactorily, within two (2) days of the date of the discussion, it may then become a grievance and be advanced to Step 2.

(b) **Step 2**

The grievance shall be submitted in writing to the Director of the Department within twelve (12) days of the date the Employee first became aware of or reasonably should have become aware of the occurrence of the act causing the grievance. It shall state the clause claimed to have been violated, the nature of the grievance and the redress sought. The Director of the Department shall meet with the Union within five (5) days of receipt of the grievance to attempt to settle the dispute. The decision of the Director shall be communicated, in writing, to the Union within seven (7) days of the submission. If the dispute is not resolved satisfactorily in Step 2, it may be advanced to Step 3.

(c) **Step 3**

The written grievance, within seven (7) days of receipt of the decision of the Director under Step 2, may be advanced to the Administrator. The Administrator shall meet with the Union within five (5) days of receipt of the grievance to attempt to settle the dispute. The decision of the

Administrator shall be communicated, in writing, to the Union within seven (7) days of the submission.

(d) **Step 4**

If the decision of the Administrator is not acceptable to the Union, it may submit the grievance to arbitration as hereinafter provided within seven (7) days of receipt of the decision from the Administrator.

- (e) When a meeting is held at Step 1, Step 2 or Step 3, an Employee shall have the right to be accompanied by a representative of the Union.

32.04 *Disputes Between the Parties*

- (a) If a dispute directly affects two (2) or more Employees, it may be identified as a group grievance and be initiated at Step 2 and processed therefrom in the same manner as an individual grievance. A group grievance shall list all Employees affected by the grievance and the results of such grievance shall apply, proportionately if applicable, to all Employees listed on the original grievance.
- (b) A "Policy Grievance" is a dispute between the parties which, due to its nature, is not properly the subject of an individual or group grievance. Such grievance shall be initiated, in writing, to the Director of the Department or Local Union President, by a representative of the aggrieved party within twelve (12) days of the date the aggrieved party first became aware of or reasonably should have become aware of the event leading to the grievance.

32.05 *Default*

- (a) Should the Employee or the Union fail to comply with any time limit in the grievance procedure, the grievance will be considered conceded and shall be abandoned unless the parties have mutually agreed, in writing, to extend the time limits.
- (b) Should the Employer fail to comply with any time limit in the grievance procedure, the grievance shall automatically move to the next step on the day following the expiry of the particular time limit unless the parties have mutually agreed, in writing, to extend the time limit.

32.06 *Grievance Mediation*

By mutual agreement of the Union and the Employer, the grievance may proceed to mediation. If the grievance proceeds to mediation, one jointly selected mediator shall meet with the parties and within five (5) days of the request,

- (a) investigate the dispute;

- (b) define the issue(s) in dispute; and
- (c) make written recommendations to resolve the dispute.

During the proceedings, the parties shall fully disclose all materials and information relating to the issue(s) in dispute. The proceedings shall be conducted with a view to settling the dispute, and as such, are privileged.

The fees and expenses of the mediator shall be borne equally by the parties to the dispute.

ARTICLE 33: ARBITRATION

- 33.01 Either of the parties wishing to submit a grievance to arbitration shall notify the other party in writing of its intention to do so, and shall nominate an individual to serve as a sole arbitrator.
- 33.02 The party receiving the notice shall respond in an effort to agree on the selection of a mutually acceptable sole arbitrator. Where agreement on a mutually acceptable sole arbitrator cannot be reached within seven (7) days of the receipt of notification provided for in Article 33.01 above, the parties shall request the Director of Mediation Services to appoint an arbitrator.
- 33.03 At the request of either party, a three person Arbitration board, rather than a sole arbitrator shall be used. The party requesting the use of an Arbitration Board shall indicate to the other party, within five (5) days of the grievance being advanced to arbitration, their nominee to the Arbitration Board. The other party shall respond, within five (5) days of receipt of the request listing their nominee to the Arbitration Board. The chairperson shall be selected in accordance with Article 33.02.
- 33.04 After a sole arbitrator/Arbitration Board has been selected in accordance with the above procedure, the Arbitrator or Board shall meet with the parties within twenty-one (21) days and hear such evidence as the parties may desire to present, assure a full, fair hearing and shall render a decision in writing to the parties within fourteen (14) days after the completion of the hearing.
- 33.05 The decision of a majority of a Board of Arbitration, or if there is no majority the decision of the chairperson, shall be the decision of the Board. The decision of a Board of Arbitration or the decision of a sole arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties.
- 33.06 The Arbitration decision shall be governed by the terms of this Collective Agreement and shall not alter, amend or change the terms of this Collective Agreement; however, where a Board of Arbitration or a sole arbitrator, by way of an award, determines that an Employee has been discharged or otherwise disciplined by an Employer for cause and the Collective Agreement does not

contain a specific penalty for the infraction that is the subject matter of the arbitration, the sole arbitrator or Board may substitute any penalty for the discharge or discipline that to the Arbitrator or Board seems just and reasonable in all the circumstances.

- 33.07 The fees and expenses of the sole arbitrator shall be borne equally by the two parties. Where an Arbitration Board is used, each of the parties shall bear the expenses of its appointee to an Arbitration Board, and the fees and expenses of the chairperson shall be borne equally by the two (2) parties.
- 33.08 Any of the time limits herein contained in the Arbitration proceedings may be extended only if mutually agreed to in writing by the parties.
- 33.09 For the purposes of this Article periods of time referred to in days shall be deemed to mean such periods of time calculated on consecutive calendar days exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and Named holidays which are specified in Article 18.

ARTICLE 34: OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

- 34.01 (a) The Employer shall establish an Occupational Health and Safety Committee, which shall be composed of representatives of the Employer and representatives of the Union and may include others representing recognized functional bargaining units. This Committee shall meet once a month, and in addition shall meet within ten (10) days of receiving a written complaint regarding occupational health or safety. An Employee shall be paid the Employee's basic rate of pay for attendance at Committee meetings.
- (b) Minutes of each meeting shall be taken and shall be approved by the Employer, the Union, and other bargaining groups, referred to in (a), prior to circulation.
- (c) The purpose of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee is to consider such matters as Occupational Health and Safety and the Union may make recommendations to the Employer in that regard.
- (d) The Occupational Health & Safety Committee shall also consider measures necessary to ensure the security of each Employee on the Employer's premises and the Union may make recommendations to the Employer in that regard.
- (e) Should the recommendations not be implemented and adequate steps taken towards implementation within forty-five (45) calendar days from the date the recommendation is made, the Union may request and shall have the right to present its recommendation(s) to the Board of Trustees of the Hospital concerned. The Board shall reply in writing to the Union within fourteen (14) calendar days of the presentation by the Union.

- 34.02 No Employee shall be assigned to work alone on a ward or unit.
- 34.03 Where an Employee requires specific immunization and titre, as a result of or related to the Employee's work, it shall be provided at no cost.
- 34.04 No regularly scheduled shift shall begin or end between the hours of twenty-four hundred (2400) and zero six hundred (0600) hours without prior consultation with the Union.
- 34.05 The Employer shall have in place a harassment policy which shall be reviewed annually by the Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

ARTICLE 35: IN-SERVICE PROGRAMS

- 35.01 (a) The parties to this Collective Agreement recognize the value of continuing in-service education for Employees in the Nursing profession and that the responsibility for such continuing education lies not only with the individual but also with the Employer. For the purpose of this Article, the term "in-service" includes orientation, acquisition and maintenance of essential skills, and other programs which may be offered by the Employer.
- (b) The Employer reserves the right to identify specific in-service sessions as being compulsory for Employees and those required to attend such sessions shall be paid at the applicable rate of pay for attendance. The cost of materials and tuition for an in-service session offered by the Employer shall be paid for by the Employer for those Employees whose attendance is compulsory. In addition to any in-service the Employer may identify as compulsory, the following in-service programs shall be compulsory and shall be provided to Employees on an annual basis:
- (i) Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation where required by the Employer
 - (ii) Fire (hands on experience with equipment except where not required by the Institution's established written fire procedures)
 - (iii) Evacuation and disaster procedures
 - (iv) Proper lifting and transferring and prevention of injuries.
- (c) Employees who attend in-service programs which are not identified as compulsory by the Employer shall suffer no loss of regular earnings for attending such programs.
- (d) The Employer shall provide in-service education to ensure that each Employee has the opportunity to attend not less than twenty-three (23) hours per year. The twenty-three (23) hours shall be in addition to any

hours necessary for the compulsory in-service as provided for in Article 35.01(b) and shall include prevention and management of staff abuse, and a yearly workshop for the purpose of explaining the pension plan to the Employees.

- (e) The Employer shall make available in each Facility no fewer than five (5) current nursing journals.

ARTICLE 36: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- 36.01
- (a) A Professional Responsibility Committee shall be established with at least three (3) and up to five (5) Employees elected by the Union and equal number representatives of the Employer. A Chairperson shall be elected from amongst the Committee. The Committee shall meet at least once a month at a regularly appointed time, and within ten (10) days of receiving a written complaint or concern regarding patient/resident/client care.
 - (b) Alternate representatives may be designated from the same group.
 - (c) Agendas for each meeting will be circulated prior to each meeting. Minutes of each meeting will be kept. The minutes of the Professional Responsibility Committee shall be approved by both parties prior to circulation. Unresolved items from previous meetings will be highlighted and reviewed.
 - (d) The functions of such Committee are to examine and make recommendations regarding the concerns of Employees relative to patient/resident/client care.
 - (e) Where a complaint or concern is specific to one (1) ward or unit, the Union shall discuss the complaint with the most immediate supervisor in an excluded management position before the matter is discussed at the Professional Responsibility Committee.
 - (f) When a complaint or concern is unresolved for more than forty-five (45) calendar days, that is, not having received a satisfactory answer from the party or parties concerned, either parties' representative(s) on the Professional Responsibility Committee may request and shall have the right to present the complaint or concern to the Board of Trustees of the Institution concerned. The Board of Trustees will then give their reply to the Professional Responsibility Committee within fourteen (14) calendar days.
 - (g) To prevent misunderstandings and to assure all problems are dealt with, answers must be communicated, in writing, to the Professional Responsibility Committee.

- 36.02 An Employee attending Professional Responsibility Committee meetings shall be paid her or his basic rate of pay for such attendance.
- 36.03 Where required by legislation, all Employees shall maintain current registration with the appropriate professional body.

ARTICLE 37: JOB DESCRIPTION

- 37.01 The Employer shall prepare a job description for each position within the bargaining unit. In addition, the Employer shall prepare a document specifying the roles and responsibilities of an Employee designated in charge. Copies of such descriptions shall be on hand at each Nursing Unit and shall be available to each Employee upon request. Copies of all such documents shall be provided to the Union upon request, and whenever changes are made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HAVE EXECUTED THIS COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT BY AFFIXING HERETO THE SIGNATURES OF THEIR PROPER OFFICERS IN THAT BEHALF:

(Employer)

(Local)

Date: _____

Date: _____

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

(hereinafter referred to as the "Employer")

AND

THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL # _____
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

RE: WARD OR UNIT

WHEREAS the parties agree that Employee safety is of mutual importance; and

WHEREAS the physical design, staffing patterns, and policies and practices differ amongst Alberta health care facilities; and

WHEREAS the optimal approach to assuring Employee safety is best addressed at the local level by the Employer and the Union;

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

1. (a) Except as provided in (b) below, for the purposes of application of Article 34.02, the Employer shall provide the Union with a list of areas in the institution that the Employer has designated as a ward or unit. Such list shall be provided to the Union no later than October 31, 1994.
- (b) In the event that the Employer provided the Union with a list of areas in the institution that the Employer has designated as a ward or unit under the terms of a prior collective agreement, and the ward or unit designation was resolved or remains in the process of being resolved, the Employer shall not be required to provide a list pursuant to 1(a), and the provisions of #2 to #7 inclusive shall not apply unless the Employer changes the designation. Upon the request of the Union, the Employer shall provide a list of areas in the institution designated as a ward or unit under the terms of a prior collective agreement, as information only.
2. If any concerns regarding Employee safety relative to the application of Article 34.02 are identified by the Union, an Ad-hoc Committee, not exceeding eight (8), of equal numbers appointed by the Employer and the UNA Local shall be established and shall address such concerns.
3. Failing resolution of the dispute by the Ad-hoc Committee, pursuant to the above, the Union shall have the right to advance and present the dispute within thirty (30)

days of receipt of the written notification pursuant to #1 and #8, to the Board of Trustees of the institution concerned.

The Board shall reply in writing to the Union within seven (7) days of the presentation by the Union.

4. Failing resolution of the dispute between the parties, pursuant to #3 above, the Union may advance the dispute within thirty (30) days of response from the Board of Trustees to arbitration in accordance with Article 33 of this Collective Agreement.
5. In hearing the dispute pursuant to #4 above, the Board of Arbitration shall consider whether the designation of a ward or unit is appropriate in the circumstances in order to satisfy the requirements of Article 34.02 as it pertains to Employee safety.
6. Should the Board of Arbitration find that the Employer's designation of a ward or unit is inappropriate, the matter shall be returned to the parties for a period of thirty (30) days during which the Employer and the Union will attempt to again resolve the matter.
7. Should the parties fail to resolve the matter within the thirty (30) day period, the Board of Arbitration shall render a decision in this regard.
8. Should the Employer alter the designation of a ward or unit during the term of this agreement, subsequent to October 31, 1994, the Union shall be so notified in writing and the provisions of Sections #2 through #7 in the Letter of Understanding shall apply to the altered designation.
9. This Letter of Understanding shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYER

ON BEHALF OF THE
UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA

Date: _____

Date: _____

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

(hereinafter referred to as the "Employer")

AND

THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL # _____
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

RE: SERVICE RELOCATION

When an Employer delivers services from more than one site, and the Employer decides to relocate a service to another site or sites, the Employer shall consult with the Union and the affected Employee(s) to determine the willingness of such Employee(s) to be relocated.

When an Employee does not wish to be relocated, the Employee shall have the right to request that she or he be issued notice pursuant to the provisions of Article 15 of the Collective Agreement. Such request shall not be unreasonably denied.

In the event of a denial of such request, the Employee(s) shall have the right to submit a grievance at Step 4 of the grievance procedure within five (5) calendar days of the date the Employee was advised of such decision. The arbitrator or Arbitration Board shall meet within fourteen (14) calendar days of the filing of such grievance, and shall render the decision, in writing, to the parties, within fourteen (14) calendar days after the completion of the hearing.

Unless the Employer has no other viable option, or unless mutually agreed by the Union and the Employer the Employee shall not be required to undergo such relocation until and unless the arbitrator or Arbitration Board denies the grievance.

ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYER

ON BEHALF OF THE
UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA

Date: _____

Date: _____

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

(hereinafter referred to as the "Employer")

AND

THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL # _____
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

RE: SEVERANCE

Purpose

1. The parties agree that the primary purposes of the Severance Program (the Program) are to recognize the contribution of Employees, to allow Employees to leave the system with dignity, to minimize disruption, and ensure quality and continuity of services. Severance is one of many human resources management tools to assist with restructuring the organization.

Severance Offering and Eligibility

2. The program will be offered in accordance with the provisions of this Letter of Understanding, over a period of time beginning the date on which the parties exchange notice of ratification for this Collective Agreement and ending March 31, 2001, or upon ratification of a new Collective Agreement, whichever is later.
3.
 - (a) Severance will be offered only as a result of organizational changes that result in the permanent reduction in the number of UNA certified regular Employees.
 - (b) Employees on full layoff will not be eligible to apply for the program.
 - (c) The timing and extent of application periods and of the offering will be determined by the Employer.
 - (d) Employees are only eligible for severance where they are regularly employed in the same job classification in which permanent reductions are required.
4. The Program, when offered by the Employer, will be open to all eligible regular part-time and full-time Employees employed and working in a regular position as of the date of the Program offering.
5. An approved severance will be calculated as follows:

- The equivalent of two (2) weeks regular salary for each full year of continuous service to a maximum payment of forty (40) weeks.
- Regular salary = (regularly scheduled hours of work as at date of application for the program) x (basic rate of pay)
- For the purposes of the Program, continuous service will be calculated from the last date of hire recognized with the Employee's current Employer.

Severance Approval

6. (a) The Employer shall have the right to accept or reject any application for severance based on operational requirements. Subject to operational requirements, if there are more Employees wishing to take severance than there are positions to be eliminated, severance shall be granted in order of seniority.
- (b) Severance will not be approved if termination of the Employee does not directly result in the permanent elimination of the regular Employee's full-time equivalency, or a comparable full-time equivalency.
- (c) The Employer reserves the right to determine the date of termination and, once approved, the decision to take severance and terminate employment is irrevocable.

Operation of the Program

7. An Employer will only consider a severance application from an Employee on sick leave, WCB, or LTD where the Employee has provided medical evidence to the Employer that they are fit to return to work.
8. Regular Employees whose applications for the program are approved will terminate their employment and have no right to recall under Article 15: Layoff and Recall.
 - (a) Employees whose application for severance are approved will not be eligible for rehire by any Employer who is a party to a Collective Agreement containing this provision or a similar provision, or any Employer or agency funded directly or indirectly by the Employer paying the severance, for the period of the severance.
 - (b) The Employee may be considered for hire by an Employer referred to in (a) provided they repay the Employer from whom severance was received, the difference, if any, between the time they were unemployed and the length of time for which the severance was paid.

This Letter of Understanding shall expire on March 31, 2001, or upon the date of ratification of the next Collective Agreement, whichever is later.

ON BEHALF OF EMPLOYER

ON BEHALF OF THE
UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA

Date: _____

Date: _____

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

(hereinafter referred to as the "Employer")

AND

THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL # _____
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

RE: ON-CALL DUTY, CALL BACK, UNIFORMS, AMBULANCE DUTY

In the event that it becomes necessary for the Employer to implement working conditions regarding on-call duty, call back, uniforms, or ambulance duty, the Employer shall first meet with the Union and enter into negotiations regarding specific Local conditions to address these issues. Such Local conditions shall be no lesser than the conditions found in Collective Agreements between United Nurses of Alberta Locals and the appropriate Regional Health Authority.

ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYER

ON BEHALF OF THE
UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA

Date: _____

Date: _____

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
ST. JOSEPH'S AUXILIARY HOSPITAL
AND
UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #99

The parties hereby agree to amend the Collective Agreement by adding the following:

ARTICLE 38: EXTENDED WORK DAY

38.01 (a) Where the parties to this Collective Agreement agree to implement a system employing extended working days and resultant compressed work week, they shall evidence such agreement by signing a document indicating:

- (i) applicable nursing unit
- (ii) applicable positions
- (iii) applicable extended work day option.

Such list may be amended from time to time by agreement of the parties.

- (b) Agreements referred to in Article 38.01(a) may be terminated by either party providing to the other party twelve (12) weeks notice in writing of such intent.
- (c) Where an extended work day system is implemented or discontinued, the resulting change to the hours per shift and shifts per shift cycle of a part-time Employee shall not be deemed to be a violation of Article 30.03. Where such change occurs, the Employer shall issue a new statement to the affected Employee within ten (10) days of the change.
- (d) The Employer and the Union acknowledge and confirm that, with the exception of those amendments hereinafter specifically detailed, when the extended work day is implemented in a nursing unit, all other Articles of this Collective Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as between the parties.

Option I: 11.08 Hour Extended Work Day

(A) Amend Article 7.01(a) in its entirety to read:

“7.01 (a) Regular hours of work for full-time Employees, exclusive of meal periods, shall:

- (i) be a consecutive time period of eleven hours and five minutes (11.08 hours) per day;
- (ii) be thirty-six point nine three (36.93) hours per week averaged over one (1) complete cycle of the shift schedule;
- (iii) except where overtime is necessitated, maximum in-hospital hours shall not exceed twelve point two five (12.25) hours per day, as determined by the start and finish times of the shift.”

(B) Amend Article 7.01(b) in its entirety to read:

“7.01 (b) Regular hours of work shall be deemed to:

- (i) include as scheduled by the Employer, three (3) rest periods of fifteen (15) minutes during each full working shift; and
- (ii) exclude, as scheduled by the Employer, two (2) meal periods of thirty (30) or thirty-five (35) minutes each, the alternative to be applied by the Employer. Two (2) or more meal periods or rest periods may be combined by agreement between the Employee and the Employer;
- (iii) except that such meal periods shall not be scheduled to occur in the first or last hour of the shift except by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Employee.”

(C) Amend Article 7.02 (b), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j) to read:

“7.02 (b) Days of Rest for a full-time Employee shall mean all days where an Employee is not scheduled to work, pursuant to this Letter of Understanding.

“7.02 (d) The shift patterns which may be available are:

- (i) Permanent days

- (ii) Permanent nights (only by request of Employee)
- (iii) Nights and days rotation
- (e) A request by an Employee to work permanent nights shall not be unreasonably withheld but the Employer may require an Employee working permanent nights to work blocks of day shift for the purpose of maintaining proficiency. Such blocks shall total not more than two (2) blocks per year totalling not more than fourteen (14) calendar days per year.
- (f) Employees who are required to rotate shifts, shall be assigned day duty one-half (1/2) of the time during the shift cycle, provided that in the event of an emergency or where unusual circumstances exist, an Employee may be assigned to such shift as may be necessary. For the purpose of applying the foregoing, an Employee will be deemed to have been assigned day duty for those periods of time absent on vacation or on or for a Named Holiday, that would have, except for such absence, been day duty to which the Employee would have been assigned in accordance with the shift schedule. Scheduled days of rest shall not be considered as day duty for the purpose of applying this provision.
- (g) Except in cases of emergency or by mutual agreement between the Employee and the Employer, shift schedules shall provide for:
 - (i) at least twenty-two point five (22.5) hours off duty on a shift changeover between extended shifts;
 - (ii) at least two (2) consecutive days of rest per week; and
 - (iii) two (2) weekends off duty in each four (4) week period. "Weekend" shall mean a Saturday and the following Sunday. The period of time off must be at least fifty-nine (59) hours;
 - (iv) not more than four (4) consecutive extended shifts nor more than four (4) extended shifts per week.
- (h) Does not apply
- (i) (deletion - does not apply)

(j) Violation of any Provision of Article 38.02 Option I(C) 7.02 (g) shall result in payment of each affected Employee at the overtime rate in accordance with Article 8 for all regular hours worked during the period of violation.”

(D) Amend Article 30.03: 7.01(a)(i) to read:

“30.03 7.01 (a) (i) Regular hours of work for part-time Employees, exclusive of meal periods, shall be as scheduled by the Employer but shall be less than those for full-time Employees. They may be less than eleven hours and five minutes (11.08 hours) per day and, in any event, shall be less than thirty-six point nine three (36.93) hours per week averaged over one (1) complete cycle of the shift schedule.”

(E) Amend Article 30.04(A) 7.02(g) to read:

“30.04 (A) 7.02 (g) Except in cases of emergency or by mutual agreement between the Employee and the Employer, shift schedules shall provide for:

- (i) at least twenty-two point five (22.5) hours off duty on a shift changeover between extended shifts;
- (ii) an average of three (3) days per week shall be scheduled as designated days of rest, and at least two (2) such days of rest per week shall be consecutive;
- (iii) two (2) weekends off duty in each four (4) week period. “Weekend” shall mean a Saturday and the following Sunday. The period of time off must be at least fifty-nine (59) hours;

- (iv) not more than four (4) consecutive extended shifts nor more than four (4) extended shifts per week.”

Option II: 9.75 Hour Extended Work Day

(A) Amend Article 7.01(a) to read:

“7.01 (a) Regular hours of work for full-time Employees, exclusive of meal periods, shall:

- (i) be a consecutive time period of nine point seven five (9.75) hours per day;
- (ii) be thirty-seven point zero five (37.05) hours per week averaged over one (1) complete cycle of the shift schedule.”

(B) Amend Article 7.01(b) in its entirety to read:

“7.01 (b) Regular hours of work shall be deemed to:

- (i) include as scheduled by the Employer, three (3) rest periods of fifteen (15) minutes during each full working shift; and
- (ii) exclude, as scheduled by the Employer, one (1) meal period of thirty (30) minutes. Two (2) or more meal periods or rest periods may be combined by agreement between the Employee and the Employer;
- (iii) except that such meal period shall not be scheduled to occur in the first or last hour of the shift except by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Employee.”

(C) Amend Article 7.02 (b), (g), (h), (i) and (j) to read:

“7.02(b) Days of Rest for a full-time Employee shall mean all days where an Employee is not scheduled to work, pursuant to this Letter of Understanding;

7.02 (g) (i) at least twenty-two point five (22.5) hours off duty on a shift changeover between extended shifts;

- (ii) at least two (2) consecutive days of rest per week; and
- (iii) two (2) weekends off duty in each four (4) week period. "Weekend" shall mean a Saturday and the following Sunday. The period of time off must be at least fifty-nine (59) hours;
- (iv) not more than four (4) consecutive extended shifts nor more than four (4) extended shifts per week.

(h) Does not apply

(i) (deletion - does not apply)

(j) Violation of any provision of Article 38.02 Option II(C) shall result in payment to each affected Employee at the overtime rate, in accordance with Article 8 for all hours worked during the period of violation."

(D) Amend Article 30.03: 7.01(a)(i) to read:

"30.03 7.01 (a) (i) Regular hours of work for part-time Employees, exclusive of meal periods, shall be as scheduled by the Employer but shall be less than those for full-time Employees. They may be less than nine point seven five (9.75) hours per day and, in any event, shall be less than thirty-seven point zero five (37.05) hours per week averaged over one (1) complete cycle of the shift schedule."

(E) Amend Article 30.04(A) 7.02(g) to read:

"30.04(A) 7.02 (g) Except in cases of emergency or by mutual agreement between the Employee and the Employer, shift schedules shall provide for:

- (i) at least twenty-two point five (22.5) hours off duty on a shift changeover between extended shifts;
- (ii) an average of three (3) days per week shall be scheduled as designated days of rest, and at least two (2) such days of rest per week shall be consecutive;

- (iii) two (2) weekends off duty in each four (4) week period. "Weekend" shall mean a Saturday and the following Sunday. The period of time off must be at least fifty-nine (59) hours;
- (iv) not more than four (4) consecutive extended shifts, nor more than four (4) extended shifts per week."

38.03 Amend Article 8.01(a) to read:

"8.01 (a) Overtime is all time authorized by the Employer and worked by the Employee in excess of the regular daily hours specified in the applicable Option in Article 38.02, or on scheduled days of rest."

38.04 Amend Article 11.01 to read:

"11.01 New Employees shall serve a probationary period of four hundred and seventy-one (471) hours, provided however, that each full day of absence from work for any reason will extend the probationary period by one (1) day. If a new Employee is unsuitable in the opinion of the Employer, such Employee may be terminated at any time during the probationary period without notice and without recourse to the grievance procedure."

38.05 Amend Article 17.02 (a) and (b) to read:

"17.02 *Vacation Entitlement*

During each year of continuous employment, an Employee shall earn entitlement to a vacation with pay to be taken in the next following year as follows:

(a) **Staff Nurse and Assistant Head Nurse**

- (i) During the first (1st) year of such employment, an Employee earns a vacation of one hundred and sixteen point two five (116.25) working hours per year;
- (ii) During each of the second (2nd) to ninth (9th) years of employment, an Employee earns vacation of one hundred and fifty-five (155) working hours per year;
- (iii) During each of the tenth (10th) to nineteenth (19th) years of employment, an Employee commences to

earn vacation with pay at the rate of one hundred and ninety-three point seven five (193.75) working hours per year;

- (iv) During each of the twentieth (20th) and subsequent years of employment, an Employee commences to earn vacation with pay at the rate of two hundred and thirty-two point five (232.5) working hours per year.

(b) **Head Nurse and Instructor**

- (i) During each of the first (1st) to ninth (9th) years of employment, an Employee earns vacation of one hundred and fifty-five (155) working hours per year;
- (ii) During each of the tenth (10th) to nineteenth (19th) years of employment, an Employee commences to earn vacation with pay at the rate of one hundred and ninety-three point seven five (193.75) working hours per year;
- (iii) During each of the twentieth (20th) and subsequent years of employment, an Employee earns vacation with pay at the rate of two hundred and thirty-two point five (232.5) working hours per year.”

38.06 Amend Article 17.04(a) to read:

“17.04 (a) *Vacation Pay on Termination*

If employment is terminated and proper notice given, the Employee shall receive vacation pay in lieu of:

- (i) the unused period of vacation entitlement up to March 31 in the preceding year at the Employee’s basic rate, together with
- (ii) six percent (6%) in the case of an Employee entitled to one hundred and sixteen point two five (116.25) working hours vacation per annum, or eight percent (8%) in the case of an Employee, entitled to one hundred and fifty-five (155) working hours vacation per annum, or ten percent (10%) in the case of an Employee entitled to one hundred and ninety-three point seven five (193.75) working hours vacation per annum, or twelve percent (12%) in the case of

an Employee entitled to two hundred and thirty-two point five (232.5) working hours vacation per annum, of the Employee's regular earnings from the first (1st) day of April in the current year to date of termination."

38.07 Amend Article 18.01 by adding (c) to read:

"18.01 (c) It is agreed that regular and temporary full-time Employee covered by this Article shall be entitled to eleven (11) Named Holidays and one (1) Floater Holiday as specified, and shall be paid for same at the Employee's basic rate of pay for seven point seven five (7.75) hours to a maximum of ninety-three (93) hours per annum."

38.08 Amend Article 18.03 by adding (c) to read:

"18.03 (c) Pay for the day referred to in (a)(i), (ii), (iii) and (b) shall be for seven point seven five (7.75) hours."

38.09 Amend Article 19.02 to read:

"19.02 After three (3) months service, an Employee shall be allowed a credit for sick leave computed from the date of employment at the rate of eleven point six two five (11.625) hours for each full month of employment to a maximum credit of nine hundred and thirty (930) hours provided, however, that an Employee shall not be entitled to apply sick leave credits prior to the completion of three (3) months of service."

38.10 Amend Article 19.03 to read:

"19.03 An Employee granted sick leave shall be paid for the period of such leave at the Employee's basic rate of pay and the number of hours thus paid shall be deducted from the Employee's accumulated sick leave credit to the total number of the Employee's accumulated credit at the time sick leave commenced."

38.11 Amend Article 19.05 to read:

"19.05 When an Employee has accrued the maximum sick leave credit of nine hundred and thirty (930) hours, the Employee shall no longer accrue sick leave credits until such time as the Employee's total accumulation is reduced below the maximum. At that time the Employee shall recommence accumulating sick leave credits."

38.12 Amend Article 28.01 to read:

“28.01 *Shift Differential*

A shift differential of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per hour shall be paid to Employees for all hours worked within the period between fifteen hundred hours (1500) and zero seven hundred (0700) hours.”

38.13 Amend Article 28.02 to read:

“28.02 *Weekend Premium*

A weekend premium of one dollar and ten cents (\$1.10) per hour shall be paid for all hours worked during a sixty-four (64) hour period commencing at fifteen hundred (1500) hours on a Friday.”

38.14 Amend Article 30.03: 7.01(a)(v) and (vi) to read:

“30.03 7.01(a) (v) Where a part-time Employee volunteers or agrees, when requested, to work additional shifts which are not designated as the Employee’s scheduled days of rest, the Employee shall be paid the Employee’s basic rate of pay for such hours or, if applicable, two times (2X) the applicable basic hourly rate for those hours worked in excess of the regular daily hours specified in the applicable Option in Article 38.02.

(vi) Where the Employer requires a part-time Employee to work without the Employee having volunteered or agreed to do so or on her or his scheduled days of rest, the Employee shall be paid two times (2X) the applicable basic hourly rate for work performed.”

38.15 Amend Article 30.10 to read:

“18.01 Part-time and casual Employees shall be paid in addition to their basic rate of pay a sum equal to four point eight percent (4.8%) of her regular earnings in lieu of Named Holidays, inclusive of the “Floater” holiday.

18.02 (a) A part-time Employee who works on a Named Holiday shall be paid for hours worked on the Named Holiday up to the regular daily hours specified in the applicable Option in Article 38.02 at one and one-half times (1 1/2X) the Employee’s basic rate of pay and at two times (2X) the applicable basic hourly rate for all hours

worked in excess of the regular daily hours specified in the applicable Option in Article 38.02.

- (b) A casual Employee who works an extended work day shift on a Named Holiday shall be paid at one and one-half times (1 1/2X) the applicable hourly rate for the first seven point seven five (7.75) hours and two times (2X) the applicable hourly rate for all hours in excess of seven point seven five (7.75) hours, except where the Employee replaces another Employee who is normally scheduled on the extended work day shift and who is absent; in which case the Employee shall be paid one and one-half times (1 1/2X) for work performed on the Named Holiday up to the regular daily hours specified in the applicable Option in Article 38.02 and two times (2X) the applicable basic hourly rate for all hours worked in excess of the regular daily hours specified in the applicable Option in Article 38.02.

18.03 (a) Unless otherwise requested an Employee shall be scheduled so as to provide the Employee with days off on at least three (3) of the actual Named Holidays. Unless otherwise requested by the Employee one of these three (3) Named Holidays shall be either Christmas or New Year's Day.

- (b) (i) An Employee granted Christmas Day off in accordance with Article 18.03(a) above, shall be scheduled such that the Employee shall have two (2) consecutive days where the Employee will not be obliged to work (i.e. December 24 and 25; or December 25 and 26).
- (ii) An Employee granted New Year's Day off in accordance with Article 18.03(a) above, shall be scheduled such that the Employee shall have two (2) consecutive days where the Employee shall not be obliged to work (i.e. December 31 and January 1; or January 1 and 2)."

38.16 Amend Article 30.11 to read:

- “(a) Part-time Employees shall accumulate sick leave benefits on the basis of eleven point six two five (11.625) hours per month pro-rated on the basis of the regularly scheduled hours worked by the part-time Employee in relation to the hours for full-time Employees. Such Employees shall not be entitled to apply sick leave credits prior to the completion of five hundred and three point seven five (503.75) hours of service with one (1) Employer.

38.17 A casual Employee who works an extended work day shift shall be paid at the overtime rate for time worked in excess of seven point seven five (7.75) hours per

day except where the Employee replaces another Employee who is normally scheduled on the extended work day shift and who is absent for any reason; in which case, two times (2X) the applicable basic hourly rate shall be paid for those hours worked in excess of the regular daily hours specified in the applicable Option in Article 38.02.

ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYER

ON BEHALF OF THE
UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA

Date: _____

Date: _____

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
ST. MICHAEL'S EXTENDED CARE - EDMONTON
AND
THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #150
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

WHEREAS it is the desire of the parties to replace, substitute, or otherwise amend certain terms and conditions contained in the core of this Collective Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the parties agree with each other as follows:

1. Amend Article 7.02(a) as follows:
"7.02 (a) The Employer may, subject to Articles 7.04(a) and 7.04(b), temporarily (for not more than three [3] months) assign Employees to any or all shifts during the twenty-four (24) hours of the day."

2. Article 7.02(c) to 7.02(f) inclusive to be replaced by the following:
"7.02 (c) Subject to #1 above, seniority shall be the deciding factor in the allocation of an exclusive shift pattern as follows within a ward or unit:
 - (i) Days
 - (ii) Evenings
 - (iii) Nights.
(d) Once an Employee has been allocated an exclusive shift pattern, seniority shall be considered only when a vacancy occurs on the ward or unit and a request for a change shall be given precedence over the requirements set out in Article 14.01(a) and 14.02(a)."

ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYER

ON BEHALF OF THE
UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA

Date: _____

Date: _____

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
YOUVILLE HOME (GREY NUNS) OF ST. ALBERT
AND
THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #154
(hereinafter referred to as the “Union”)

WHEREAS it is the desire of the parties to replace, substitute, or otherwise amend certain terms and conditions contained in the core of this Collective Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the parties agree with each other as follows:

1. Amend Article 7.02(d) to (f) inclusive as follows:
 - “7.02 (d) The shift patterns which may be available are:
 - (i) Permanent days
 - (ii) Permanent evenings
 - (iii) Permanent nights
 - (e) Shall not apply
 - (f) Shall not apply”
2. (A) Amend Article 7.02(g) to read:
 - “7.02 (g) Except in cases of emergency or by mutual agreement between the Union and the Employer, shift schedules shall provide for:
 - (i) at least fifteen point five (15.5) hours off duty between shifts;
 - (ii) at least two (2) consecutive days of rest, except that, once in a four (4) week period, there may be a single day of rest;
 - (iii) days of rest on alternate extended weekends. “Extended Weekend” shall mean a Saturday and the following Sunday, assuring a minimum of seventy-nine point seven five (79.75) hours off duty;

(iv) not more than six (6) consecutive scheduled days of work.”

(B) This agreement may be terminated by either party providing to the other party twelve (12) weeks notice in writing of such intent.

3. Amend Article 29: Pension Plan to read:

“29.01 The Employer shall continue the Pension Plan to provide benefits for participating Employees, providing they are scheduled to work at least fourteen (14) hours per week as averaged over one (1) complete cycle of the shift schedule, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan.

29.02 Contributions to the plan shall be shared equally, with fifty percent (50%) paid by the Employer and fifty percent (50%) paid by the Employee.

29.03 The Employer shall distribute to all Employees brochures and other relevant material outlining the above plan upon hiring, and when there are changes to the Plan.”

ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYER

ON BEHALF OF THE
UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA

Date: _____

Date: _____

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**BETHANY NURSING HOME OF CAMROSE, ALBERTA (The Bethany Group at
Rosehaven Care Centre - Camrose)
(hereinafter referred to as the "Employer")**

AND

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #204
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")**

RE: OUTREACH NURSES

WHEREAS it is the desire of the parties to replace, substitute, or otherwise amend certain terms and conditions contained in the core of this Collective Agreement as it applies to Outreach Nurses,

NOW THEREFORE the parties agree with each other as follows:

39.01 The Outreach Nurse position shall not be assigned without the express consent of the employee.

39.02 **ARTICLE 2: DEFINITIONS**

Amend Article 2 to include:

2.16 "Outreach Nurse" means an Employee assigned Outreach duties with responsibility for

- (i) patient and family assessment;
- (ii) liaison between the institution and the community;
- (iii) resource coordination;
- (iv) education in the community;
- (v) public relations in the community.

39.03 **ARTICLE 7: HOURS OF WORK AND SCHEDULING PROVISIONS**

7.01 It is understood and agreed between the parties that the hours of work shall be flexible. In accordance with the foregoing the following shall apply:

- (a) hours of work shall be seven point seven five (7.75) hours per day or thirty-six point eight one (36.81) hours per week averaged over one four (4) week cycle of the shift schedule
- (b) normal daily hours of work shall fall within the period zero seven thirty (0730) to eighteen hundred (1800) hours
- (c) normal daily hours of work shall:
 - (i) include two (2) rest periods of fifteen (15) minutes, or
 - (ii) should the hours in a day be less than seven point seven five (7.75) hours but not less than four (4) hours, include a single rest period of fifteen (15) minutes, or
 - (iii) include one (1) rest period of thirty (30) minutes during each full working day if this is more compatible with the needs of clients and/or their families
- (d) normal daily hours shall exclude a meal period of thirty (30) minutes during each working day on which the Employee works in excess of four (4) hours
- (e) time spent in travel between the Institute and the assigned place of work shall be paid at straight time rates but shall not be included in any calculation of eligibility for overtime or of overtime pay
- (f) time off-duty at a remote location (e.g. overnight lodging) shall not be considered to be time worked

7.02 If an Employee is recalled to duty during the Employees meal period, the Employee shall be given the time not so taken later in the day.

7.03 Outreach Nurses shall be entitled to two (2) consecutive days of rest per week, which days shall normally be Saturday and the following Sunday, assuring a minimum period of fifty-six (56) hours off duty. The use of the word "normally" shall mean "usually" or "typically" and shall not prevent, should the need arise, the scheduling of part-time Employees to work weekends nor the rescheduling of full-time Employees to work Saturdays and/or Sundays. In the case of full-time Employees such scheduling, if required, shall ensure that Outreach Nurses receive two (2) consecutive alternate days of rest during the period from Monday to Friday and shall ensure days of rest on at least one-half (1/2) of the weekends averaged over the four (4) week cycle of the shift schedule, provided that an Employee shall not be scheduled to work more than two (2) consecutive weekends.

39.04 **ARTICLE 8: OVERTIME**

- 8.01 Overtime is all time worked by an Outreach Nurse in excess of thirty-six point eight one (36.81) hours per week averaged over one four (4) week cycle of the shift schedule, or on days of rest as specified in Article 7.03 above. By mutual agreement between the Employee and the Employer overtime may be banked over a six (6) month period and taken in time off at the applicable premium rate. Such time off shall be at a time mutually agreed to between the Employee and the Employer. Time off not taken within six (6) months of the end of the pay period in which it was earned shall be paid out by the Employer on the pay cheque next following the date on which the time off should have been taken under this provision but was not so taken.
- 8.02 The overtime rate of two times (2x) the applicable hourly rate shall be paid to Outreach Nurses for work performed in excess of thirty-six point eight one (36.81) hours in a week averaged over the four (4) week cycle of the shift schedule.
- 8.03 Overtime rates pursuant to 8.01 (a) shall apply in the event the Outreach position is assumed by a Nurse subsequent to commencing a shift in her or his regular position.

39.05 **ARTICLE 10: TRANSPORTATION**

Amend to include:

- 10.03 Outreach Nurses, where travel is required, will be provided with a vehicle by the Employer for this purpose.

39.06 **ARTICLE 40: EXPENSE PAYMENTS**

- 40.01 Reasonable, necessary and substantiated expenses incurred by an Outreach Nurse in the course of the Employee's duties shall be paid by the Employer.
- 40.02 Reimbursement for the above expenses shall be paid on a monthly basis in cheques made out to the Employee which are separate from her or his regular pay cheque.

39.07 **SALARIES APPENDIX**

Employees when working as Outreach Nurses shall be compensated at the Registered Nurse rate.

ON BEHALF OF EMPLOYER

ON BEHALF OF THE
UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA

Date: _____

Date: _____

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**BETHANY AUXILIARY HOSPITAL OF CAMROSE, ALBERTA AND BETHANY NURSING HOME OF CAMROSE, ALBERTA (The Bethany Group at Bethany Long Term Care Centre - Camrose)
(hereinafter referred to as the "Employer")**

AND

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #12
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")**

RE: Shepherd House

1. An Employee who is not on regular duty shall not be required to be reasonably available to respond without undue delay to any request to report for duty.
2. When a regular or temporary Employee is called and required to report for work, she or he shall be deemed to be working overtime and shall be paid for all hours worked or for three (3) hours, whichever is longer, at the overtime rate.
3. Call-back compensation may be taken in pay or in time off in accordance with the provisions of Article 8.01.
4. Where the Employee works more than six (6) hours pursuant to this Letter of Understanding, and there is not a minimum of seven point seven five (7.75) hours off duty before the next scheduled shift, the Employee shall be given a paid leave for the next scheduled shift.

ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYER

ON BEHALF OF THE
UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA

Date: _____

Date: _____

For Locals #12, and #72 only:

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

EMPLOYER

AND

UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #_____

RE: CHARGE DESIGNATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. A Charge Designation Review Committee shall be established, upon the request of the Union, to review the charge designation of a ward or unit that does not have a person who is a Registered Nurse or Registered Psychiatric Nurse in charge on a specific shift.
2. The Committee shall determine if the documented charge roles and responsibilities pursuant to Article 16.01(c) accurately reflect the roles and responsibilities of the person designated in charge of the ward or unit. The Committee shall determine whether the person designated is qualified to carry out the actual roles and responsibilities.
3. The Committee shall issue a report which is binding on the parties.
4. The Committee shall be comprised of three (3) members, one (1) appointed by the Employer, and one (1) appointed by the Union. The Chair will be mutually appointed by the parties, failing which the Director of Mediation Services will appoint.
5. Each party shall pay the expenses of their own Nominee and equally share the expenses of the Chairperson.
6. Where the Committee is requested to review a charge designation, they shall convene within thirty (30) days of the request of the Union. Where more than one (1) request for the Committee is made, the request shall be dealt with in order of timing of the requests, and the thirty (30) days may be exceeded as a result.
7. This Letter of Understanding shall expire on March 31, 2001, or on date of ratification of the next Collective Agreement, whichever is later.

8. The Charge Designation Review Committee is a body constituted to provide a method for the settlement of differences pursuant to the terms of Division 22 of the Labour Relations Code.

ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYER

ON BEHALF OF THE
UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA

Date: _____

Date: _____

For Locals #91, #99, #118, #150 #154 and #204 only:

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
EMPLOYER
AND
UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #_____**
RE: CHARGE DESIGNATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. A Charge Designation Review Committee shall be established, upon the request of the Union, to review the charge designation of a ward or unit that does not have a person who is a Registered Nurse or Registered Psychiatric Nurse in charge on a specific shift.
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3. The Committee shall issue a report which is binding on the parties.
4. The Committee shall be comprised of three (3) members, one (1) appointed by the Employer, and one (1) appointed by the Union. The Chair will be mutually appointed by the parties, failing which the Director of Mediation Services will appoint.
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ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYER

ON BEHALF OF THE
UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA

Date: _____

Date: _____

SALARY APPENDIX

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Registered Nurse								
Registered Psychiatric Nurse								
Current	19.66	20.30	20.88	21.50	22.14	22.74	23.39	24.11
April 1, 1999	20.25	20.91	21.51	22.15	22.80	23.42	24.09	24.83
April 1, 2000	delete	21.54	22.16	22.81	23.48	24.12	24.81	25.57
August 1, 2000 (market adjustment)		21.54	22.37	23.20	24.03	24.86	25.69	26.52
Certified Graduate Nurse								
Graduate Psychiatric Nurse								
Current	18.14	18.58	18.96	19.23	19.47	19.63	19.93	20.54
April 1, 1999	18.68	19.14	19.53	19.81	20.05	20.22	20.53	21.16
April 1, 2000	delete	19.71	20.12	20.40	20.65	20.83	21.15	21.79
August 1, 2000 (market adjustment)		19.71	20.31	20.75	21.13	21.47	21.90	22.60
Assistant Head Nurse								
Current	20.30	21.00	21.69	22.38	23.10	23.77	24.51	25.25
April 1, 1999	20.91	21.63	22.34	23.05	23.79	24.48	25.25	26.01
April 1, 2000	delete	22.28	23.01	23.74	24.50	25.21	26.01	26.79
August 1, 2000 (market adjustment)		22.28	23.23	24.15	25.07	25.98	26.93	27.79
Head Nurse and Instructor								
Current	21.44	22.21	22.96	23.77	24.55	25.34	26.20	26.98
April 1, 1999	22.08	22.88	23.65	24.48	25.29	26.10	26.99	27.79
April 1, 2000	Delete	23.57	24.36	25.21	26.05	26.88	27.80	28.62
August 1, 2000 (market adjustment)		23.57	24.59	25.64	26.66	27.71	28.79	29.68
Undergraduate Nurse								
Current	15.25							

April 1, 1999	15.71
April 1, 2000	16.18

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
EMPLOYER
AND
UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL # _____
RE: AMNESTY

It is agreed that all applications, complaints, claims, grievances or proceedings of any kind, including any claims for indemnity, now before the Labour Relations Board, the Courts or before any other forum relating in any way to this dispute will be discontinued and abandoned.

The parties also agree not to initiate any further applications, complaints, claims, grievances or proceedings of any kind, including any claims for indemnity, before the Labour Relations Board, the Courts or before any other forum related in any way to this dispute. Any discipline imposed respecting conduct in any way relating to this dispute shall be nullified and any disciplined employee shall be made whole. There will be no discipline imposed in the future in respect to conduct which has occurred to date and which is in any way related to this dispute.

The Employers agree to indemnify the Union, its officers, employees, agents and members in respect to any claims, complaints, demands of any kind whatsoever from third parties related in any way to or in consequence of the disruption of patient services arising from this dispute.

ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYER

ON BEHALF OF THE
UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA

Date: _____

Date: _____