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COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

WELLAND COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL

(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "HOSPITAL")

AND

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION

(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "ASSOCIATION")

~~Full Time~~ - Part Time  
Part Time

EXPIRY: MARCH 31, 1986

Number of Employees Covered by Contract:

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ONA FULL-TIME AGREEMENT

ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE

- 1.01 The general purpose of this Agreement is to establish and maintain collective bargaining relations between the Hospital and the nurses covered by **this** Agreement; to provide for on-going means of communication between the Association and the Hospital and **the** prompt disposition of grievances **and** the final settlement of disputes and to establish and maintain mutually satisfactory salaries, **hours** of work **and other** conditions of employment in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- 1.02 It is recognized that nurses wish to work together with the Hospital to secure the best possible nursing care and health protection for patients. Appropriate committees have been created under **this** Agreement to work towards this objective.

ARTICLE 2 - DEFINITIONS & GRADUATE NURSES

- 2.01 A registered nurse is a nurse who **holds** certification with the College of Nurses of Ontario in accordance with the Health Disciplines Act.
- 2.02 A graduate nurse is defined as a nurse with certification incomplete who is a graduate of a program acceptable to the College of Nurses and is either in the process of being certified by the College of Nurses of Ontario or is completing certification requirements. This Certification shall be completed within twenty-four (24) months following date of hire. Where a nurse fails to complete such certification requirements, she will be terminated from the employ of the Hospital. Such termination shall not be subject matter of grievance or arbitration procedure. The foregoing **does** not apply to nurses employed prior to October 23, 1981, except those currently in the process of completing certification requirements who shall be required to complete such certification in accordance with the provisions of the existing collective agreement.
- 2.03 A full-time nurse is a nurse who is regularly scheduled to work the normal full-time hours referred to in Article 13.
- 2.04 A regular part-time nurse is a nurse who regularly works less than the normal full-time hours referred to in Article 13 and who offers to **make** a commitment to be available for work on a regular predetermined basis. All other part-time nurses shall be considered casual nurses. The predetermined basis upon which the commitment to be available is made shall be determined in local negotiations.

The definitions shall not have the effect of changing the composition of any existing bargaining units. ~~nie~~ Hospitals shall not refuse to accept an offer from a nurse to make a commitment to be available for work on a regular predetermined basis solely for the purpose of utilizing casual nurses so as to restrict the number of regular part-time nurses.

### ARTICLE 3 - RELATIONSHIP

- 3.01 The Hospital and the Association agree that there will be no discrimination, interference, intimidation, restriction or coercion exercised or practiced by any of their representatives with respect to any nurse because of her membership or non-membership in the Assmiation or activity or lack of activity on behalf of the Association or by reason of exercising her rights under the Collective Agreement.
- 3.02 The Assmiation agrees there will be no Assmiation activity, solicitation for membership, or collection of Assmiation dues on Hospital premises or during working hours except with the written permission of the Hospital or as specifically provided for in this Agreement.
- 3.03 It is agreed that there will be no discrimination by either party or by any of the nurses covered by this Agreement on the basis of race, creed, colour, national origin, sex, marital status, age, religious affiliation or any other factor which is not pertinent to the employment relationship.

### ARTICLE 4 - NO STRIKE. NO LOCKOUT

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

### ARTICLE 5 - ASSOCIATION SECURITY

- 5.01 The Hospital will deduct from each nurse covered by this Agreement an amount equal to the regular monthly Association dues designated by the Association.
- 5.02 Such dues shall be deducted monthly and in the case of newly employed nurses, such deductions shall commence in the month following their date of hire.
- 5.03 The amount of the regular monthly dues shall be those authorized by the Association and the Provincial Secretary Treasurer of the Association shall notify the Hospital of any charges therein and such notification shall be the Hospital's conclusive authority to make the deduction specified.

- 5.04 In consideration of the deducting and forwarding of Association dues by the Hospital, the Association agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Hospital against any claims or liabilities arising or resulting from the operation of this Article.
- 5.05 The amounts so deducted shall be remitted monthly to the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer of the Assmiation. In remitting such dues, the Hospital shall provide a list of nurses from whom deductions were made, including deletions (indicating terminations) and additions from the preceding month and their social insurance numbers.
- 5.06 The Hospital agrees that an officer of the Assmiation or nurse representative shall be allowed a reasonable period during regular working hours to interview newly hired nurses during their probationary period. During such interview, membership forms may be provided to the nurse. These interviews shall be scheduled in advance as determined by local negotiation and may be arranged collectively or individually by the Hospital.

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

#### ARTICLE 6 - REPRESENTATION AND COMMITTEES

- 6.01 Nurse Representatives & Grievance Committee
- (a) The Hospital agrees to recognize nurse representatives to be elected or appointed from amongst nurses in the bargaining unit for the purpose of dealing with Association business as provided in this Collective Agreement. The number of representatives and the areas which they represent are set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions.
- (b) The Hospital will recognize a grievance committee, one of whom shall be chairperson. This committee shall operate and conduct itself in accordance with the provisions of the Collective Agreement and the number of nurses on the grievance committee is set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions.

- (c) It is agreed that nurse representatives and members of the grievance committee have their regular duties and responsibilities to perform for the Hospital and shall not leave their regular duties without first obtaining permission from their immediate supervisor. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld. If, in the performance of their duties, a nurse representative or member of the grievance committee is required to enter a nursing unit within the Hospital in which she is not ordinarily employed she shall, immediately upon entering such nursing unit, report her presence to the supervisor or nurse in charge, as the case may be. When resuming their regular duties and responsibilities such representatives shall again report to their immediate supervisor. The Hospital agrees to pay for all time spent during their regular hours by such representatives hereunder.

## 6.02

Hospital-Association Committee

- (a) There shall be a Hospital-Association Committee comprised of representatives of the Hospital, one of whom shall be the Director of Nursing or her designate and of the Association, one of whom shall be the Local President or her designate. The number of representatives is set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions and the membership or the Committee may be expanded by mutual agreement.
- (b) The Committee shall meet every two (2) months unless otherwise agreed and as required under Section 8.01 (a) (i). The duties of chairperson and secretary shall alternate between the parties. Where possible, agenda items will be exchanged in writing at least five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting. A record shall be maintained of matters referred to the Committee and the recommended disposition, if any, unless agreed to the contrary. Copies of the record shall be provided to Committee members.
- (e) The purpose of the Committee includes:
- (i) promoting and providing effective and meaningful communication of information and ideas; making joint recommendations on matters of concern including the quality and quantity of nursing care;
  - (ii) dealing with complaints referred to it in accordance with the provisions of Article 8, Professional Responsibility;

(iii) discussing and reviewing matters relating to orientation and in-service programs;

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

6.03

(a) Negotiating Committee

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

(b) Central Negotiating Team

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

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

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

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

The maximum number of Central Negotiating Team members entitled to payment under this provision shall be seven (7), and in no case will more than one (1) nurse from a hospital be entitled to such payment.

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

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

## 6.04

Accident Prevention - Health & Safety Committee

- (a) The Hospital and the Association agree that they mutually desire to maintain standards of safety and health in the Hospital in order to prevent accidents, injury and illness.
- (b) Recognizing its responsibilities under the applicable legislation, the Hospital agrees to accept as a member of its Accident Prevention - Health and Safety Committee, at least one (1) representative **selected or** appointed by the Association from amongst bargaining unit employees.
- (c) Such Committee shall identify potential dangers and hazards, institute means of improving health and safety programmes and recommend actions to be taken to improve conditions related to safety and health.
- (d) The Hospital agrees to cooperate reasonably in providing necessary information to enable the Committee to fulfill its functions. In addition, the Hospital will provide the Committee with reasonable access to all accident reports, health and safety records and any other pertinent information in its possession.
- (e) Meetings shall be held every second month or more frequently at the call of the Chair, if required. The Committee shall maintain minutes of all meetings and make the same available for review.
- (f) Any representative appointed or selected in accordance with (b) hereof, shall serve for a term of at least one (1) calendar year from the date of appointment. Time off for such representative(s) to attend meetings of the Accident Prevention - Health and Safety Committee in accordance with the

foregoing, shall be granted and any representative(s) attending such meetings during their regularly scheduled hours of work, shall not lose regular earnings as a result of such attendance.

- (g) The Association agrees to endeavour to obtain the full cooperation of its membership in the observation of all safety rules and practices.
- (h) All time spent by a member of the Accident Prevention - Health and Safety Committee attending meetings of the Committee and carrying out her duties, shall be deemed to be work time for which she shall be paid by the Hospital at her regular rate and she shall be entitled to such time from work as is necessary to attend scheduled meetings.

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

- 6.05 The Association may hold meetings on Hospital premises providing permission has been first obtained from the Hospital.
- 6.06 The Association shall keep the Hospital notified in writing of the names of the nurse representatives and/or Committee members and Officers of the Local Association appointed or selected under this Article as well as the effective date of their respective appointments.
- 6.07 All reference to nurse representatives, committee members and officers in this Agreement shall be deemed to mean nurse representatives, committee members or officers of the Local Association.
- 6.08 The Hospital agrees to give representatives of the Ontario Nurses' Association access to the premises of the Hospital for the purpose of attending grievance meetings or otherwise assisting in the administration of this Agreement, provided prior arrangements are made with the Administrator. Such representatives shall have access to the premises only with the approval of the Administrator which will not be unreasonably withheld.
- 6.09 Where a nurse makes prior arrangements for time off from a tour of duty, the nurse shall not be scheduled to work another tour that day.



ARTICLE 7 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- 7.01 For purposes of this Agreement, a grievance is defined as a difference arising between the parties relating to the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of the agreement including any question as to whether a matter is arbitrable.
- 7.02 At the time **formal** discipline is imposed or at any stage of the grievance procedure, including the complaint stage, a nurse is entitled to be represented by her nurse representative. In the case of suspension or discharge, the Hospital shall notify the nurse of this right in advance.
- 7.03 It is the mutual desire of the parties hereto that complaints of nurses shall be adjusted as **quickly as possible, and it** is understood that a nurse has no grievance until she has first given her immediate supervisor the opportunity of adjusting her complaint. Such complaint shall be **discussed** with her immediate supervisor within **nine** (9) calendar days after the circumstances giving rise to it have **occurred or** ought reasonably to have come to the attention of the nurse and failing settlement within **nine** (9) calendar days, it shall then be taken up as a grievance within **nine** (9) calendar days following advice of her immediate supervisor's decision in **the** following manner and sequence :

Step No. 1

The nurse **may** submit a written grievance signed by the nurse to her immediate supervisor. The grievance shall be on a form referred to in Article 7.09 and shall identify the nature of the grievance and **the** remedy sought and **should** identify the provisions of the Agreement which **are alleged** to be violated. The immediate supervisor **will** deliver her decision in writing within **nine** (9) calendar days following **the** day on which **the** grievance was presented to her. Failing settlement, then:

Step No. 2

Within **nine** (9) calendar days following **the** decision under **Step No. 1**, the nurse **may** submit the written grievance to the Director of Nursing or her designate **who** will deliver her decision in writing within **nine** (9) calendar days from the date on which **the** written grievance was presented to her. The parties **may**, if they so desire, meet to discuss the grievance at a time and place suitable to both parties. Failing settlement, then:

Step No. 3

Within nine (9) calendar days following the decision in Step No. 2, the grievance may be submitted in writing to the Hospital Administrator or her designate. A meeting will then be held between the Hospital Administrator or her designate and the Grievance Committee within nine (9) calendar days of the submission of the grievance at Step No. 3 unless extended by agreement of the parties. It is understood and agreed that a representative of the Ontario Nurses' Association and the grievor may be present at the meeting. It is further understood that the Hospital Administrator or her designate may have such counsel and assistance as she may desire at such meeting. The decision of the Hospital shall be delivered in writing within nine (9) calendar days following the date of such meeting.

- 7.04 A complaint or grievance arising directly between the Hospital and the Association concerning the interpretation, application or alleged violation of the Agreement shall be originated at Step No. 3 within fourteen (14) calendar days following the circumstances giving rise to the complaint or grievance. It is expressly understood, however, that the provisions of this Article may not be used with respect to a grievance directly affecting a nurse which such nurse could herself institute and the regular grievance procedure shall not be thereby bypassed. A grievance by the Hospital shall be filed with the Local President or her designee.
- 7.05 Where a number of nurses have identical grievances and each nurse would be entitled to grieve separately they may present a group grievance in writing identifying each nurse who is grieving to the Director of Nursing or her designate within fourteen (14) calendar days after the circumstances giving rise to the grievance have occurred or ought reasonably to have come to the attention of the nurse(s). The grievance shall then be treated as being initiated at Step No. 2 and the applicable provisions of this Article shall then apply with respect to the processing of such grievance.
- 7.06 The release of a probationary nurse shall not be subject to the grievance procedure unless the probationary nurse is released for exercising a right under this Agreement. A claim by a nurse who has completed her probationary period that she has been unjustly discharged or suspended shall be treated as a grievance if a written statement of such grievance is lodged by the nurse with the hospital at Step No. 3 within seven (7) calendar days after the date the discharge or suspension is effected. Such special grievance may be settled under the Grievance or Arbitration Procedure by:

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

The Hospital agrees to provide written reasons within a reasonable time to the affected nurse in the case of discharge or suspension **and** further agrees that it will not suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline a nurse who has completed her probationary period, without just cause.

- 7.07 Failing settlement under the foregoing procedure of any grievance between the parties arising from the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of this Agreement, including any question as to whether a matter is arbitrable, such grievance **may** be submitted to arbitration as hereinafter provided. If no written request for arbitration is received within eighteen (18) calendar days after the decision under Step No. 3 is given, the grievance shall be deemed to have been abandoned. Where such a written request is postmarked within sixteen (16) calendar days after the decision under Step No. 3, it will be deemed to have been received within the time limits.
- 7.08 All agreements reached under the grievance procedure between the representatives of the Hospital and the representatives of the Association will be final **and** binding upon the Hospital and the Association and the nurses.
- 7.09 Association grievances shall be on the form set out in Appendix 3.
- 7.10 When either party requests that **any** matter be submitted to arbitration **as** provided in the foregoing Article, it shall **make** such request in writing addressed to the other party to this Agreement, **and** at **the same** time name a nominee. Within seven (7) calendar days thereafter the **other** party shall name a nominee, provided, **however**, that if such party fails to name a nominee as herein required, the Minister of Labour **for** the Province of Ontario shall have **power** to effect such appointment upon application thereto **by** the party invoking the arbitration procedure. The **two** nominees shall attempt to select **by** agreement a chairman of the Arbitration Board. If **they** are unable to agree upon such a chairman within a period of fourteen

(14) calendar days, they shall then request the Minister of Labour for the Province of Ontario to appoint a chairman.

- 7.11 No person may be appointed as an arbitrator who has been involved in an attempt to negotiate or settle the grievance.
- 7.12 No matter may be submitted to arbitration which has not been properly carried through all requisite steps of the Grievance Procedure.
- 7.13 The Arbitration Board shall not be authorized to make any decision inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement, nor to alter, modify, add to or amend any part of this Agreement.
- 7.14 The proceedings of the Arbitration Board will be expedited by the parties hereto and the decision of the majority and where there is no majority the decision of the chairman will be final and binding upon the parties hereto and the nurse or nurses concerned.
- 7.15 Each of the parties hereto will bear the expense of the nominee appointed by it and the parties will share equally the fees and expenses, if any, of the chairman of the Arbitration Board.
- 7.16 The time limits set out in the Grievance and Arbitration Procedures herein are mandatory and failure to comply strictly with such time limits except by the written agreement of the parties, shall result in the grievance being deemed to have been abandoned subject only to the provisions of Section 44 (6) of The Labour Relations Act.
- 7.17 Wherever arbitration board is referred to in the agreement, the parties may mutually agree in writing to substitute a single arbitrator for the arbitration board at the time of reference to arbitration and the other provisions referring to arbitration board shall appropriately apply.

#### ARTICLE 8 - PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- 8.01 In the event that the Hospital assigns a number of patients or a workload to an individual nurse or group of nurses such that she or they have cause to believe that she or they are being asked to perform more work than is consistent with proper patient care, she or they shall:
- (a) (i) Complain in writing to the Association-Hospital Committee within fifteen (15) calendar days of the alleged improper assignment. The chairman of the

Association-Hospital Committee shall convene a meeting of the Association-Hospital Committee within ten (10) calendar days of the filing of the complaint. The Committee shall hear and attempt to resolve the complaint to the satisfaction of both parties.

- (ii) Failing resolution of the complaint within fifteen (15) calendar days of the meeting of the Assmiation-Hospital Committee the complaint shall be forwarded to an independent Assessment Committee composed of three (3) registered nurses; **one** chosen by the Ontario Nurses' Association, one chosen by **the Hospital**, and one chosen from a panel of independent registered nurses who are well respected within the profession. The member of the Committee chosen from the panel of independent registered nurses shall **act** as Chairperson.
  - (iii) The Assessment Committee shall set a date to conduct a hearing into the complaint within fourteen (14) calendar days of its appointment and shall be **empowered** to investigate as is necessary and **make** what findings **as** are appropriate in the circumstances. The Assessment Committee shall report its findings, in writing, to the parties within thirty (30) calendar days following completion of its hearing.
- (b) (i) The list of Assessment Committee Chairpersons is attached as Appendix 4.

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

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

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

8.02 Orientation and In-Service Programme

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

8.03 Before assigning a newly hired nurse in charge of a nursing unit, the Hospital will first provide orientation both to the Hospital and to such nursing unit. It is understood that such nurse may be assigned to any tour as part of her orientation programme, providing such assignment is in accordance with any scheduling regulations or objectives contained in the appendix of local provisions which forms part of this Collective Agreement.

8.04 Nurses recalled from layoff under Article 10.07 (a), nurses whose probationary period has been extended under Article 10.01, and nurses who are transferred on a permanent basis may be provided any orientation determined necessary by the Hospital. A request by such a nurse for orientation shall not be unreasonably denied.

8.05 Both the Hospital and the Association recognize their joint responsibility and commitment to provide, and to participate in, in-service education. The Association supports the principle of its members' responsibility for their own professional development and the Hospital will endeavour to provide programmes related to the requirements of the Hospital. Available programmes will be publicized.

8.06 The delegation of Added Nursing Skills and Sanctioned Medical Acts (Special Procedures) to nurses shall be in accordance with guidelines established by the College of Nurses from time to time and any approved Hospital policy related thereto.

8.07 When a nurse is on duty and authorized to attend any in-service programme within the Hospital and during her regularly scheduled working hours, she shall suffer no loss of regular pay. When a nurse is required by the Hospital to attend courses outside of her regularly scheduled working hours she shall be paid for all time spent in attendance on such courses at her regular straight time hourly rate of pay.

ARTICLE 9 - ACCESS TO FILES

- 9.01 A copy of any completed evaluation which is to be placed in a nurse's file shall be first reviewed with the nurse. The nurse shall initial such evaluation as having been read and shall have the opportunity to add her views to such evaluation prior to it being placed in her file. It is understood that such evaluations do not in themselves constitute disciplinary action by the Hospital against the nurse. That is not to say that they may not be used to support discipline for continued substandard or incompetent performance. Each nurse shall have reasonable access to her file for the purposes of reviewing any evaluations or formal disciplinary notations contained therein in the presence of her supervisor. A copy of the evaluation will be provided to the nurse at her request.
- 9.02 Any letter of reprimand, suspension or other sanction will be removed from the record of a nurse twenty-four (24) months following the receipt of such letter, suspension or other sanction provided that the nurse's record has been discipline free for such twenty-four (24) month period.

ARTICLE 10 - SENIORITY

- 10.01 (a) Newly hired nurses shall be considered to be on probation for a period of sixty (60) tours worked from date of last hire (450 hours of work for nurses whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day). If retained after the probationary period, the nurse shall be credited with seniority from date of last hire. With the written consent of the Hospital, the probationary nurse and the President of the Local Association or her designate, such probationary period may be extended. Where the Hospital requests an extension of the probationary period, it will provide notice to the Association at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the expected date of expiration of the initial probationary period. It is understood and agreed that any extension to the probationary period will not exceed an additional sixty tours (450 hours) worked and, where requested, the Hospital will advise the nurse and the Association of the basis of such extension.
- (b) A nurse who transfers from casual or regular part-time to full-time status shall not be required to serve a probationary period where she has previously completed one since her date of last hire. Where no such probationary period

has been served, the number of tours worked (hours worked for nurses whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day) during the nine months immediately preceding the transfer shall be credited towards the probationary period.

- 10.02 A seniority list shall be established for all full-time nurses covered by this Agreement who have completed their probationary period. For information purposes only, the names of all full-time probationary nurses shall be included in the seniority list. A copy of the current seniority list will be filed with the President of the Local Association or her designate on request but not more frequently than once every six (6) months at a time to be determined locally. A copy of the seniority list shall also be posted at the same time.
- 10.03 Seniority shall be retained by a nurse in the event that she is transferred from full-time to part-time or vice versa, or in the event she is transferred from casual to regular part-time. For the purposes of the application of seniority, if any, under the Agreement but not for the purposes of service under any provisions of the Collective Agreement (save as expressly provided otherwise in this Agreement), a nurse whose status is changed from full-time to part-time shall receive credit for her seniority on the basis of 1500 hours worked for each year of full-time seniority. A nurse whose status is changed from part-time to full-time shall receive credit for her seniority on the basis of one (1) year of seniority for each 1500 hours worked. Any time worked in excess of an equivalent shall be pro-rated at the time of transfer.
- 10.04 If a nurse's absence without pay from the Hospital including absences under Article 11, Leaves of Absence, exceeds thirty (30) continuous calendar days she will not accumulate seniority or service for any purposes under the Collective Agreement for the period of the absence in excess of thirty (30) continuous calendar days unless otherwise provided and the nurse will become responsible for full payment of any subsidized employee benefits in which she is entitled to participate during the period of absence. In the case of unpaid approved leaves of absence in excess of thirty (30) continuous calendar days a nurse may arrange with the Hospital to prepay the full premium of any applicable subsidized benefits during the period of leave in excess of thirty (30) continuous calendar days to ensure her continuing coverage.
- NOTE: Nurses presently enjoying the accumulation of seniority for greater periods shall continue to receive such seniority benefits while employed by the Hospital.



10.05

A nurse shall lose all service and seniority and shall be deemed to have terminated if she:

- (a) leaves of her own accord;
- (b) is discharged and the discharge is not reversed through the grievance or arbitration procedure;
- (c) has been laid off for the lesser of her length of seniority or twenty-four (24) calendar months
- (d) refuses to continue to work or return to work during an emergency which seriously affects the Hospital's ability to provide adequate patient care, unless a satisfactory reason is given to the Hospital;
- (e) is absent from scheduled work for a period of three (3) or more consecutive working days without notifying the Hospital of such absence and providing a reason satisfactory to the Hospital;
- (f) fails to return to work (subject to the provisions of 10.05 (e)) upon termination of an authorized leave of absence without satisfactory reason or utilizes a leave of absence for purposes other than that for which the leave was granted;
- (g) fails upon being notified of a recall to signify her intention to return within five (5) calendar days after she has received the notice of recall mailed by registered mail to the last known address according to the records of the Hospital and fails to report to work within Seven (7) calendar days after she has received the notice of recall or such further period of time as may be agreed upon by the parties.

10.06

- (a) Where a permanent vacancy occurs in a classification within the bargaining unit or a new position within the bargaining unit is established by the Hospital, such vacancy shall be posted for a period of seven (7) consecutive calendar days. Nurses in this bargaining unit and nurses in another ONA bargaining unit at the Hospital, if any, may make written application for such vacancy within the seven (7) day period referred to herein. Subsequent vacancies created by the filling of a posted vacancy need not be posted.
- (b) A nurse may make a written request for transfer by advising the Hospital and filing a Request for Transfer form indicating her name,

qualifications, experience, present area of assignment, seniority and requested area of assignment. A Request for Transfer shall become active as of the date it is received by the Hospital and shall remain so until December 31 following. Such requests will be considered as applications for posted vacancies and subsequent vacancies created by the filling of a posted vacancy. Applications by a nurse for a Request for Transfer shall be limited to four (4) areas at any one time.

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

- (c) Nurses shall be selected for positions under either 10.06 (a) or (b) on the basis of their skill, ability, experience and qualifications. Where these factors are relatively equal amongst the nurses considered, seniority shall govern providing the successful applicant, if any, is qualified to perform the available work within an appropriate familiarization period. Where seniority governs, the most senior applicant from the bargaining unit in which the vacancy arose, if any, shall be selected. Where the applicant has been selected in accordance with this Article and it is subsequently determined that she cannot satisfactorily perform the job to which she was promoted, the Hospital will attempt, during the first thirty (30) days from the date on which the nurse was first assigned to the vacancy, to return her to her former job, and the filling of the subsequent vacancies will likewise be reversed.
- (d) Vacancies which are not expected to exceed sixty (60) calendar days and vacancies caused due to illness, accident, leaves of absence (including maternity) may be filled at the discretion of the Hospital. In filling such vacancies consideration shall be given to regular part-time nurses in the bargaining unit on the basis of seniority who are qualified to perform the work in question prior to utilizing non-bargaining unit nurses supplied by an agency or registry. It is understood, however, that where such vacancies occur on short notice, failure to offer part-time nurses such work shall not result in any claim for pay for time not worked while proper arrangements are made to fill the vacancy. Upon completion of the temporary vacancy, the Hospital will return the replacing nurse to her former status.

(e) The Hospital shall have the right to fill any permanent vacancy on a temporary basis until the posting procedure or the Request for Transfer procedure provided herein has been complied with and arrangements have been made to permit the nurse selected to fill the vacancy to be assigned to the job.

(f) A nurse selected as a result of a posted vacancy or a Request for Transfer need not be considered for a further permanent vacancy for a period of up to six (6) months from the date of her selection.

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(a) A layoff of nurses shall be made on the basis of seniority provided that the nurses who are entitled to remain on the basis of seniority are qualified to perform the available work. Subject to the foregoing, probationary nurses shall be first laid off.

Nurses shall be recalled in the order of seniority, unless otherwise agreed between the Hospital and Local Association, provided that the nurse is qualified to perform the available work.

(b) Where a vacancy occurs in a position following a Payoff hereunder as a result of which a nurse had been transferred to another position, the affected nurse will be offered the opportunity to return to her former position providing such vacancy occurs within six (6) months of the date of layoff. Where the nurse returns to her former position, there shall be no obligation to consider the vacancy under Article 10.06. Where the nurse refuses the opportunity to return to her former position, she shall advise the Hospital in writing.

(c) No reduction in the hours of work shall take place to prevent or reduce the impact of a layoff without the consent of the Association.

(d) All regular part-time and full-time nurses represented by the Association who are on layoff will be given a job opportunity in the full-time and regular part-time categories before any new nurse is hired into either category.

10.08

In the event of a proposed layoff at the Hospital of a permanent or long-term nature, the Hospital will:

(a) provide the local Association with no less than thirty (30) calendar days' notice of such layoff and

- (b) meet with the local Association to review the following :
- (i) the reasons causing the layoff;
  - (ii) the service which the Hospital will undertake after the layoff;
  - (iii) the method of implementation including the areas of cut-back and the nurses to be laid off.

In the event of a proposed layoff at the hospital which is not of a permanent or long term nature or a bed cut-back or a cut-back in service which will result in displacement of staff, the Hospital will provide the local Association with reasonable notice. If requested, the Hospital will meet with the Local Association to review the reasons and expected duration of the bed cut-back or cut-back in service, realignments of service or staff and its effect on nurses in the bargaining unit.

Any agreement between the Hospital and the Local Association resulting from the review above concerning the method of implementation will take precedence over the terms of this Article. Notice of layoff shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Employment Standards Act.

- 10.09
- (a) A nurse who is transferred to a position outside of the bargaining unit shall, subject to (b) below, retain, but not accumulate, her seniority held at the time of the transfer. In the event the nurse is returned to a position in the bargaining unit she shall be credited with the seniority held at the time of transfer and resume accumulation from the date of her return to the bargaining unit.
  - (b) In the event that a nurse is transferred out of the bargaining unit under (a) above for a specific term or task which does not exceed a period of six (6) months or an academic year and is returned to a position in the bargaining unit, she shall not suffer any loss of seniority, service or benefits. It is understood and agreed that a nurse may decline such offer to transfer and that the period of time referred to above may be extended by agreement of the parties.
- 10.10
- (a) Head nurses and supervisors excluded from the bargaining unit shall not perform duties normally performed by nurses in the bargaining unit which shall directly cause or result in the layoff, loss of seniority or service or reduction in benefits to nurses in the bargaining unit.

(b) The Hospital shall not contract out any work usually performed by members of this bargaining unit if, as a result of such contracting out, a lay-off of any employees other than casual part-time employees follows. Contracting out to an Employer who is organized and who will employ the employees of the bargaining unit who would otherwise be laid off is not a breach of this provision. This clause will not apply to the a? hoc use of agency or registry nurses for single shift coverage of vacancies due to illness or leaves of absence.

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

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

#### ARTICLE 11 - LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

11.02 Leave for Ass:                      Bus

The Hospital agrees to grant leaves of absence, without pay, to nurses selected by the Association to attend Association business including conferences, conventions and Provincial Committee meetings. The cumulative total leave of absence, the amount of notice, the number of nurses that may be absent at any one time and from any one area and the number of days is set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions. During such leave of absence, the nurse's salary and applicable benefits shall be maintained by the Hospital and the local Association agrees to reimburse the Hospital in the amount of the daily rate of the nurse except for Provincial Committee meetings which will be reimbursed by the Association. The Hospital will bill the local Association within a reasonable period of time.

11.03

Leave, Board of Directors

A nurse who is elected to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Nurses' Association, other than to the office of President, shall be granted leave of absence without pay up to a total of fifty (50) days annually, or up to one hundred (100) days annually if the nurse is the Secretary-Treasurer or the President-elect. Notwithstanding Article 10.04, there shall be no loss of seniority or service during such leave of absence. Leave of absence under this provision shall be in addition to the Association leave provided in Article 11.02 above. During such leave of absence, the nurse's salary and applicable benefits shall be maintained by the Hospital and the Association agrees to reimburse the Hospital in the amount of the full cost of such salary and applicable benefits.

11.04

Leave, President, O.N.A.

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

11.05

Bereavement Leave

A nurse who notifies the Hospital as soon as possible following a bereavement shall be granted three (3) consecutive working days off without loss of her regular pay for her scheduled hours, in conjunction with the day of the funeral in order that the nurse may make the arrangements for and/or attend the funeral of a member of her immediate family. "Immediate family" means parent, brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparent or grandchild. Where a nurse does not qualify under the above-noted conditions, the Hospital may nonetheless grant a paid bereavement leave. The Hospital, in its discretion, may extend such leave with or without pay.

11.06

Jury & Witness Duty

If a nurse is required to serve as a juror in any court of law, or is required to attend as a witness in a court proceeding in which the Crown is a party, or is required by subpoena to attend a court of law or coroner's inquest in connection with a case arising from the nurse's duties at the Hospital, the nurse shall not lose regular pay because of such attendance provided #at the nurse:

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

Where a nurse is scheduled to work on a night shift prior to a day of jury duty, the Hospital will attempt to reschedule the nurse's shift to include the time spent at such hearing. It is understood that any rescheduling shall not result in the payment of any premium pay to that nurse.

Where the Hospital is unable to reschedule the nurse and, as a result, she is required to attend jury duty during other than her regularly scheduled paid hours, she shall be paid for all hours actually spent at such hearing at her straight time hourly rate subject to (a), (b), and (c) above.

11.07

Maternity Leave

- (a) Maternity leave will be granted in accordance with the provisions of the Employment Standards Act, except where amended in this provision.
- (b) The service requirement for eligibility for maternity leave shall be twelve (12) months of continuous service.
- (c) The nurse shall give written notification at least one (1) month in advance of the date of commencement of such leave and the expected date of return,
- (d) The nurse has the right to extend the maternity leave to six (6) months in total. Written notice by the nurse to extend the maternity leave will be

given at least two (2) weeks prior to the termination of the initially approved leave. This notice requirement will be shortened in circumstances where medical complications occur in the two (2) weeks prior to the termination of the initially approved leave.

- (e) The nurse shall re-confirm her intention to return to work on the date originally approved in subsection (c) or (d) above by written notification received by the Hospital at least two (2) weeks in advance thereof. The nurse shall be reinstated to her former position unless the position has been discontinued in which case she shall be given a comparable job.
- (f) Nurses newly hired to replace nurses who are on approved maternity leave may be released and such release shall not be the subject of a grievance or arbitration. If retained by the Hospital, the nurse shall be credited with seniority from date of hire subject to successfully completing her probationary period.

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

- (g) The Hospital may request a nurse to commence maternity leave at such time as the duties of her position cannot reasonably be performed by a pregnant woman or the performance or non-performance of her work is materially affected by the pregnancy.

11.08

#### Adoption Leave

- (a) Where a nurse with at least twelve (12) months of continuous service legally adopts a child, such nurse shall be entitled to a leave of absence, without pay, for a period of up to six (6) months duration, consideration being given to any requirements of adoption authorities. The nurse shall advise the Hospital as far in advance as possible with respect to a prospective adoption and shall request the leave of absence, in writing, upon receipt of confirmation of the pending adoption. If, because of late receipt of confirmation of the pending adoption, the nurse finds it impossible to request the leave of absence in writing the request may be made verbally and subsequently verified in writing.



- (b) The nurse shall be reinstated to her former position, unless her former position has been discontinued, in which case she shall be given a comparable job.
- (c) Nurses newly hired to replace nurses who are on approved adoption leave may be released and such release **shall not be** the subject of a grievance or arbitration. If retained by the Hospital, the nurse shall be credited with seniority from date of hire subject to successfully completing her probationary period.

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

## 11.09

Education Leave

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

## 11.10

Professional leave with pay will be granted to nurses who are elected to the College of Nurses to attend regularly scheduled meetings of the College of Nurses.

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

NOTE 1: Provisions in existing Collective Agreements providing for paternity leave shall be continued in **effect and** added to the above provisions in such Collective Agreements.

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

ARTICLE 12 - SICK LEAVE AND LONG-TERM DISABILITY

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

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

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

12.03 Existing sick leave credits for each employee shall be converted to a sick leave bank to the credit of the employee. The **sick** leave bank shall contain the unused sick leave days to the credit of the nurse on the effective date of the transfer to the plan set out in Article 12.01. The "sick leave bank" shall be utilized to:

(a) supplement payment for sick leave **days** under the new plan which would otherwise be at **less** than full wages, and

(b) where a **payout** provision **existed** under the former sick leave plan in the Collective Agreement, payout shall be **made** on the termination of employment, or in the case of death, to the nurse's **estate**. The amount of the payout shall be a cash settlement at the nurse's then current salary rate for **any unused** sick credits to the maximum **provided** under the sick leave plan in which **she** participated as of the date of this award;

- (c) where, as of the effective date of transfer, an **employee** does not have **the** required service to qualify for **payout** on termination, her existing **sick leave** credits as of that date shall nevertheless be converted to a sick leave **bank** in accordance with the foregoing and **she** shall be entitled to **the same** cash out provisions **as** set out in paragraph (b) above providing she subsequently achieves the necessary service to qualify her **for** payout under the conditions of the sick leave plan in which **she** participated **as** of the date of this award;
- (d) where a payout provision existed **under the** former sick leave plan in the Collective Agreement, a nurse who, as of the date of **this** award, has accumulated sick leave credits and is prevented from working for the **Hospital** on account of an occupational **illness** or accident that is recognized by the Workers' Compensation Board as compensable **within** the meaning of The Workers' Compensation Act, the Hospital, on application from the nurse, will supplement **the** award made by the Workers' Compensation Board for **loss** of wages to the nurse by such amount that the award of The Workers' Compensation Board for loss of wages, together with the supplementation of the Hospital, will equal one hundred (100) per cent of the nurse's net earnings to **the** limit of the nurse's accumulated sick leave credits. Nurses **may** utilize such sick leave credits **while** awaiting approval of a claim for Workers' Compensation.

- 12.04 There shall be no **pay** deduction from a nurse's regular scheduled tour **when** a nurse has **completed any** portion of the **tour** prior to going on sick leave benefits or Workers' Compensation benefits.
- 12.05 **Nurses** returning to work from an illness or injury compensable under Workers' Compensation **will** be assigned light work as necessary, if available.
- 12.06 A nurse who transfers from full-time to part-time may elect to retain **her** accumulated sick leave credits to be utilized during **part-time** or subsequent full-time employment as provided under the sick leave plan in which **she** participates as of the date of this award.
- 12.07 Any dispute which may arise concerning a nurse's entitlement to short-term or long-term benefits under **HOODIP** may be subject to grievance **and** arbitration under the provisions of this Agreement.

- 12.08 Nurses presently employed who are covered by a long-term disability plan in effect as of the date of this award, may elect to be covered by HOODIP or to continue their present coverage.
- 12.09 The Hospital further agrees to pay employees an amount equal to any loss of benefits under HOODIP for the first two days of the fourth and subsequent period of absence in any calendar year.
- 12.10 During the term of operation of this Collective Agreement, the Hospitals will meet and consult with the Association with the view to assisting the parties in the next set of negotiations to improve the benefit coverage provided by HOODIP.
- 12.11 The Hospital will notify each nurse of the amount of unused sick leave in her bank annually.

ARTICLE 13 - HOURS OF WORK

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

Subject to Article 13.02 below:

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

- (c) The regular daily **tours** of duty of a nurse shall average five (5) days per **week** over the nursing schedule determined by the Hospital. Nursing schedules shall be determined by local negotiation. Nurses in the bargaining unit engaged in teaching in Schools for R.N.A.'s shall work a flexible schedule, Monday to Friday, averaging 37 1/2 hours per week over the schedule to be determined by **local** negotiation.
- (d) Where a nurse notifies her supervisor that she has been or will be unable to take the normal lunch break due to the requirement of providing patient care, such nurse shall be paid time and one half her regular straight time hourly rate for all time worked in **excess** of her **normal** daily hours.

13.02 Where nurses are now working a longer daily **tour**, the provisions set out in this Article governing the regular hours of work on a daily **tour** shall be adjusted accordingly. **The** introduction or discontinuance of longer daily **tours** shall be determined by local negotiation.

#### ARTICLE 14 - PREMIUM PAYMENT

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

- 14.02 Notwithstanding the foregoing, overtime will not be paid for additional hours worked during a twenty-four (24) hour period either as a result of change in tour on the request of a nurse or a change-over to daylight saving from standard time or vice versa or an exchange of tours by two nurses.
- 14.03 Work scheduled by the Hospital to which a premium is attached under scheduling regulations contained in the Collective Agreements and set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions shall be paid at one and one-half times the nurse's regular straight time hourly rate or as otherwise provided.
- 14.04 Where a nurse is required to work on a paid holiday or on an overtime tour or on a tour that is paid at the rate of time and one-half her regular straight time hourly rate as a result of 14.03 above and she is required to work additional hours following her full tour on that day (but not including hours on a subsequent regularly scheduled tour for such nurse) she shall receive two (2) times her regular straight time hourly rate for such additional hours worked.
- 14.05 A nurse who reports for work as scheduled, unless otherwise notified by the Hospital, shall receive a minimum of four (4) hours' pay at her regular straight time hourly rate. She shall be required to perform any nursing duties assigned by the Hospital which she is capable of doing, if her regular duties are not available.
- 14.06 Where a nurse has completed her regularly scheduled tour and left the Hospital and is called in to work outside her regularly scheduled working hours, she shall receive time and one-half her regular straight time hourly rate for all hours worked with a minimum guarantee of four (4) hours' pay at time and one-half her regular straight time hourly rate except to the extent that such four (4) hour period overlaps or extends into her regularly scheduled shift. In such a case, she will receive time and one-half her regular straight time hourly rate for actual hours worked up to the commencement of her regular shift.
- 14.07 A nurse who is required to remain available for duty on standby outside her regularly scheduled working hours shall receive standby pay in the amount of \$2.00 per hour for the period of standby scheduled by the Hospital. Standby pay shall, however, cease where the nurse is called in to work under Article 14.06 above and works during the period of standby.
- 14.08 In computing a full-time nurse's regular straight time hourly rate under this Collective Agreement such rate

shall be established by dividing the product of the nurse's regular monthly salary exclusive of any allowance or premium pay times twelve (12) by the regular average weekly hours times fifty-two (52).

14.09

Where a nurse has worked and accumulated approved overtime hours (other than overtime hours relating to paid holidays) such nurse shall have the option of electing payment at the applicable overtime rate or time off equivalent to the applicable overtime rate (i.e., where the applicable rate is time and one-half then time off shall be at time and one-half). Where a nurse chooses equivalent time off such time off must be taken within the period set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions or payment in accordance with the former option shall be made. Nurses in the bargaining unit engaged in teaching in Schools for R.N.A.'s working overtime in excess of their average weekly hours referred to in Section 13.01 (c) which have been authorized in advance by the Director of the School, shall be entitled to compensating time off in accordance with the foregoing.

14.10

A nurse shall be paid a shift premium of forty-five cents (45 cents) per hour for each hour worked outside the normal hours of the day shift provided that such hours exceed two (2) hours if worked in conjunction with the day shift. Tour differential will not form part of the nurse's straight time hourly rate.

14.11

Ambulance Escort

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

- (a) Where the nurse performs such duties during her regular shift, she shall be paid her regular rate of pay.

Where the nurse performs such duties outside her regular shift or on a day off, she shall be paid the appropriate overtime rate.

- (b) The Hospital will not require a nurse to return to regular duties at the Hospital without at least eight (8) hours of time off. Where such time off extends into her next regularly scheduled shift she will maintain her regular earnings for that full shift.
- (c) In addition to the foregoing payment, actual hours spent in return travel shall be paid at straight time.

(d) The nurse shall be reimbursed for reasonable out of pocket **expenses** including room, board and return transportation **and** consideration will be given to **any** special circumstances not dealt with under the foregoing provisions. It is understood that the nurse shall return at **the** earliest opportunity.

**NOTE:** The Hospital agrees to continue to pay **any** greater monetary benefit **for** ambulance escort duty if such greater benefit has been paid by the Hospital **immediately** prior to this Agreement.

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

14.13 When a nurse is required to travel to the Hospital or to return to her home as a result of reporting to or off work between the hours of 2400 - 0600 hours, or at any time while on **standby**, **the Hospital** will pay transportation costs either by taxi or by her *own* vehicle at the rate of thirty-five cents (35 cents) per mile (to a maximum of fourteen dollars (\$14.00)) or such greater amount as the **Hospital** may in its discretion determine for each trip between the aforementioned hours. The nurse will provide to the **Hospital** satisfactory proof of payment of such **taxi** fare.

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

#### ARTICLE 15 - PAID HOLIDAYS

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



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

15.02

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

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

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

15.03

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

15.04

subject to Article 15.02:

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

15.05

A nurse required to work on any of the foregoing holidays shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half her regular straight time rate of **pay** for all hours worked on **such** holiday subject to Article 14.04. In addition, she will receive a lieu day **off** with **pay** in the amount of her regular straight time hourly rate of **pay times** the number

of hours in a normal daily tour as set out in Article 13.01 (a) (i).

- 15.06 Where a nurse is entitled to a lieu day under Article 15.04 or 15.05 above, such day off must be taken within a period as set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions or payment shall be made in accordance with Article 15.03,
- 15.07 Hospitals presently providing additional paid holidays shall continue to provide such additional holidays.

#### ARTICLE 16 - VACATIONS

- 16.01 All nurses shall receive vacations with pay based on length of full-time continuous service as follows:
- (a) Nurses who have completed less than one (1) year of full-time continuous service (as of the date for determining vacation entitlement in the individual Hospital) shall be entitled to a vacation on the basis of 1.25 **days** for each completed month of service with pay in the amount of 6% of gross earnings.
  - (b) Nurses who have completed one (1) or more **years** of full-time continuous service (as of the date for determining vacation entitlement in the individual Hospital) shall be entitled to an annual vacation of **three (3) weeks** with **three (3) weeks'** pay provided the nurse works or receives paid leave **for a total of** at least **1525** hours in the vacation year.
  - (c) **Nurses who** have completed **three (3) or more years** of full-time continuous service (as of the date for determining vacation entitlement in the individual Hospital) shall be entitled to an annual vacation of **four (4) weeks** with **four (4) weeks'** pay, provided the nurse works or receives paid leave for a total of at least 1525 hours in the vacation year.
  - (d) Nurses who have completed twenty (20) or more **years of** full-time continuous service (as of the date **for** determining vacation entitlement in the individual Hospital) shall be entitled to an annual vacation of five (5) weeks with five (5) **weeks'** pay, provided the nurse **works** or receives paid leave for a total of at least **1525** hours in the vacation year.
  - (e) If a nurse works or receives paid leave for less than 1525 hours in **the** vacation year she will receive vacation pay based on a percentage of her

gross salary for work performed on the following basis:

3 week entitlement - 6%

4 week entitlement - 8%

5 week entitlement - 10%

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

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

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

16.04 Full-time nurse teachers shall be entitled to one additional week of vacation with pay which shall be taken at either the Spring Break or the Christmas Break.

16.05 Where an employee's scheduled vacation is interrupted due to serious illness requiring the employee to be an in-patient in a hospital, the period of such hospitalization shall be considered sick leave.

The portion of the employee's vacation which is deemed to be sick leave under the above provision will not be counted against the employee's vacation credits.

#### ARTICLE 17 - HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

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

- (a) The Hospital agrees to pay 100% of the billed premium towards coverage of eligible nurses in the active employ of the Hospital under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

- (b) The Hospital agrees to pay 100% of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible nurses in the active employ of the Hospital under the Blue Cross Semi-Private Plan or comparable coverage with another carrier.
- (c) The Hospital agrees to contribute 75% of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible nurses in the active employ of the Hospital under the existing Blue Cross Extended Health Care Benefits Plan or comparable coverage with another carrier providing for \$10.00 (single) and \$20.00 (family) deductible, providing the balance of monthly premiums are paid by the nurse through payroll deductions. In addition to the standard benefits, coverage will include hearing aids (maxim \$300/person) and vision care (maxim \$60 every 24 months).
- (d) The Hospital agrees to contribute 90% of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible nurses in the active employ of the Hospital under H.O.O.G.L.I.P. or such other group life insurance plan currently in effect providing the balance of the monthly premium is paid by the nurse through payroll deduction. Such insurance shall include benefits for accidental death and dismemberment in the principal amount equal to the amount of the Group Life Insurance to which the nurse is entitled.
- (e) Hospitals of Ontario Voluntary Life Insurance Plan
- The Hospital also agrees to make the Hospitals of Ontario Voluntary Life Insurance Plan (HOOVLIP) available to the nurses subject to the provisions of HOOVLIP at no cost to the Hospital.
- (f) The Hospital agrees to contribute 50% of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible nurses in the active employ of the Hospital under the Blue Cross #9 Dental Plan or comparable coverage with another carrier (based on the current ODA fee schedule as it may be updated from time to time) providing the balance of the monthly premium is paid by the nurse through payroll deduction.

17.02

For newly hired nurses, coverage as set out in Article 17.01 shall be effective the first billing date in the month following the month in which the nurse was first employed subject to any enrollment or other requirements of the Plan. In no instance shall the first billing date

for a nurse occur later than the first day of the fourth full month following the month in which the newly-hired nurse was first employed.

- 17.03 The Hospital may substitute another carrier for **any** of the foregoing plans (other than OHIP) provided that **the** level of benefits conferred thereby are not decreased. **The** Hospital will advise the Association of **any** change in carrier or underwriter at least sixty (60) days prior to implementing a charge in carrier.
- 17.04 All present nurses enrolled in the Hospital's Pension Plan shall maintain their enrollment in the Plan subject to its terms and conditions. **New** nurses and nurses employed but not yet eligible for membership in the Plan shall, as a condition of employment, enroll in the Plan when eligible in accordance with its terms and conditions.
- 17.05 **Any** increased insurance benefits or premium contributions provided herein shall become effective as of the 1st day of the 1st month following the release of **the** central award.
- 17.06 The Hospital shall continue to pay the premiums for benefit plans for nurses **who** are on **paid** leave of absence or Workers' Compensation or at any time when salary is received, or as provided in Article 10.04. Nurses **who** are on layoff may continue to participate in benefit plans, at their request, provided they make arrangements for payment and provided also that the layoff **does** not exceed one year.
- 17.07 Nurses **who** reside in Quebec shall have equivalent monetary contributions paid in that province **with** respect to **the** Quebec equivalent of OHIP.
- 17.08 (a) The Hospital shall provide each nurse with information booklets outlining all of the current provisions in **the** benefits plans defined in Article 17.01 to Article 17.06 inclusive. Upon request, the Hospital will make **the** Plans available to the Association for inspection.
- (b) The Hospital shall notify the Association of the name(s) of **the** carrier(s) which provide the benefits plans defined in Article 17.01 to Article 17.06 inclusive. The Hospital shall also provide the Association with a **copy** of all current information booklets provided to the nurses.

17.09                    Unemployment Insurance Rebate

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

ARTICLE 18 - MISCELLANEOUS

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

ARTICLE 19 - COMPENSATION

- 19.01                    (a)    The salary rates in effect during the term of this Agreement shall be those set forth in Appendix 1 attached to **and** forming part of this Agreement. The monthly wage schedule for a Registered Nurse shall be as follows:

Classification - Registered Nurse

Effective the date the salary rates are increased (and retroactive to October 1, 1984 as set out below:)

Start	\$ 2283.28
1 Year	2313.32
2 Years	2349.38
3 Years	2391.44
4 Years	2439.51
5 Years	2487.58
6 Years	2541.65
7 Years	2601.73

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

(c) Retroactivity

Increases to the salary schedule shall be retroactive and apply to all employees in the bargaining unit as of October 1, 1984 on the basis of each hour paid to them from October 1, 1984 to the date the salary rates are increased. Such retroactive pay shall be paid out within three pay periods (approximately six weeks) of the ratification of the central settlement. Any new employees hired since October 1, 1984 shall be entitled to a pro rata adjustment to their remuneration from the date of their employment. The Hospital shall be responsible to contact in writing at their last known addresses, any employees who have left the employment of the Hospital and/or the bargaining unit since October 1, 1984 to advise them of their entitlement to any retroactive adjustment within fifteen (15) days following ratification of the central settlement by the Association and the Participating Hospitals. Such employees will have a period of thirty (30) days after the mailing of the notice in which to claim such adjustments, and not thereafter,

19.02

A Graduate Nurse in the employ of the Hospital upon presenting proof of current certification by the College of Nurses of Ontario shall be given the salary of the Registered Staff Nurse as provided in this Article retroactive to the date of successfully passing the certification examination or to the date of last hire whichever is later.

19.03

A Registered Nurse is required to present to the Director of Nursing or her designate before February 15th of each year her current Certificate of Competence. Such time shall be extended for satisfactory reasons. Failure to provide proof of certification by the above date (or extended date) shall result in the nurse being reverted to the salary status of a Graduate Nurse. Reinstatement to the status of Registered Nurse shall be effective the first pay period following the date of presentation of proof of certification as above.

19.04

- (a) A nurse who is promoted to a higher rated classification within the bargaining unit will be placed on the grid of the higher rated classification so that she shall receive no less an increase in salary than the equivalent of one step in the salary range of the previous classification (provided that it does not exceed the salary range of the classification to which she has been promoted) and she shall retain her service review date for purposes of wage progression. For the purpose of this Article, promotion shall be defined as a move from one classification to another classification with a higher salary grid and shall not include a change of status from Graduate to Registered Nurse. A nurse who is moved to a lower rated classification will be placed at the level on the grid, if any, which most closely recognizes her experience level on the other grid.
- (b) Where the Hospital temporarily assigns a Registered Staff Nurse to carry out the assigned responsibilities of a higher classification (whether or not such classification is included in the bargaining unit) for a period of one full tour or more, at times when the incumbent in any such classification would otherwise be working, she shall be paid a premium of \$.75 per hour for such duty in addition to her regular salary. The Hospital agrees that it will not make work assignments which will violate the purpose and intent of this provision.
- (c) Graduate Nurses who become Registered Nurses shall be placed on the level in the Registered Nurse's salary grid which represents an increase in salary.
- (d) Group, Unit or Team Leader

Whenever a nurse is assigned additional responsibility to direct, supervise or Oversee work of nurses, and/or be assigned overall



responsibility for patient care on the unit, ward, or area, for a tour of duty, she shall be paid a premium of \$.40 per hour in addition to her regular salary and applicable premium allowance.

19.05

- (a) Claim for recent related clinical experience, if any, shall be made in writing by the nurse at the time of hiring on the application for employment form or otherwise. The nurse shall co-operate with the Hospital by providing verification of previous experience so that her recent related clinical experience may be determined and evaluated during her probationary period. Having established the recent related clinical experience, the Hospital will credit a new nurse with one (1) annual service increment for every two (2) years of experience up to a maximum of Level 6 (i.e., 5th year increment).

If a period of more than two (2) years has elapsed since the nurse has occupied a full-time nursing position, then the number of increments to be paid, if any, shall be at the discretion of the Hospital. The Hospital may also give effect to part-time nursing experience in special circumstances.

- (b) Where a casual nurse transfers to full-time, she may make a claim under (a) above at the time of the transfer, provided the transfer occurs within six months of the nurse's date of hire.

19.06

Each nurse will be advanced from her present level to the next level set out in the Salary Schedule, twelve (12) months after she was last advanced on her service review date. If a nurse's absence without pay from the Hospital exceeds thirty (30) continuous calendar days during each twelve (12) month period, her service review date will be extended by the length of such absence in excess of thirty (30) continuous calendar days.

19.07

- (a) A regular part-time nurse whose status is altered to full-time will assume her same level on the full-time grid. A full-time nurse whose status is altered to regular part-time will assume her same level on the regular part-time grid. In addition, a nurse who is so transferred will be given credit for service accumulated since the date of her last advancement.
- (b) A casual nurse whose status is altered to full-time will be placed on the full-time grid according to her service at the Hospital on the

basis of one increment level for each 1500 hours worked since date of last hire.

19.08

- (a) When a new classification in the bargaining unit is established by the Hospital or the Hospital makes a substantial change in the job content of an existing classification which in reality causes such classification to become a new classification, the Hospital shall advise the Association of such new or changed classification and the rate of pay established. If requested, the Hospital agrees to **meet** with the Association to permit it to make representations with respect to the appropriate rate of pay providing any such meeting shall not delay the implementation of the new classification. Where **the** Association challenges the rate established by the Hospital and the matter is not resolved following any meeting with **the** Association, a grievance may be filed at Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure within Seven (7) calendar days following any meeting. If **the** matter is not resolved in the Grievance Procedure, it **may** be referred to Arbitration in accordance with Article 7, it being understood that **any** Arbitration Board shall be limited to establishing an appropriate rate based on the relationship existing amongst other nursing classifications within **the** Hospital and duties and responsibilities involved.

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

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

19.09

Education Allowance

Provisions in existing collective agreements providing for educational allowances shall be continued in effect.

ARTICLE 20

20.01

Unless existing benefits, rights, privileges, practices, terms or conditions of employment which may be considered to **be** superior to those contained herein are specifically retained by this Agreement, **they** shall be deemed **not** to continue in effect.

It is, however, hereby confirmed that where such references are made to existing Superior Conditions that they refer to conditions existing prior to October 23, 1981.

ARTICLE 21 - DURATION

- 21.01 (a) This Agreement shall continue in effect until March 31, 1986 and shall remain in effect from year to year thereafter unless either party gives the other party written notice of termination or desire to amend the Agreement.
- (b) The matters referenced in Articles 15, 16, 17 and 19 shall be open for renegotiation for the period October 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986 in accordance with the Memorandum of Conditions for Joint Bargaining, dated April 10, 1984.
- 21.02 Notice that amendments are required or that either party desires to terminate this Agreement may only be given within a period of ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date of this Agreement or to any anniversary of such expiration date.
- 21.03 If notice of amendment or termination is given by either party, the other party agrees to meet for the purpose of negotiation within thirty (30) days after the giving of notice, if requested to do so.
- 21.04 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in the event the parties to this Agreement agree to negotiate for its renewal through the process of central bargaining, the parties will meet to determine the procedures to be followed.

ARTICLE 22

- 22.01 Attached hereto and forming part of this Agreement are the following appendices:
- Appendix 1 - Salary Schedule
- Appendix 2 - Superior Conditions (if any)
- Appendix 3 - O.N.A. Grievance form
- Appendix 4 - List of Professional Responsibility Assessment Committee - Chairpersons
- Appendix 5 - Appendix of Local Provisions

APPENDIX 1  
TO THE  
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
WELLAND COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Hospital")

AND

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

- A - SALARY - FULL TIME
- B - SALARY - REGULAR PART TIME
- C - SALARY - CASUAL PART TIME

A - SALARIES - FULL TIME

CLASSIFI- CATION/ START	AFTER 1 YR.	AFTER 2 YRS.	AFTER 3 YRS.	AFTER 4 YRS.	AFTER 5 YRS.	AFTER 6 YRS.	AFTER 7 YRS.
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Effective October 1, 1984

Registered Nurse	2283.28	2313.32	2349.38	2391.44	2439.51	2487.58	2541.65	2601.73
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Non-Registered Nurse	2150.62	2181.65	2218.47	2260.97	2309.02	2357.25	2411.24	2470.95
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B - SALARIES - REGULAR PART TIME

CLASSIFI- CATION/ START	AFTER 1 YR.	AFTER 2 YRS.	AFTER 3 YRS.	AFTER 4 YRS.	AFTER 5 YRS.	AFTER 6 YRS.	AFTER 7 YRS.
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Effective October 1, 1984

Registered Nurse	14.05	14.25	14.46	14.72	15.00	15.31	15.65	16.01
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Non-Registered Nurse	13.23	13.43	13.65	13.91	14.21	14.51	14.84	15.21
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C - SALARIES - CASUAL

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>RATE</u>
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Effective October 1, 1984

Registered Nurse	14.05
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Non-Registered Nurse	13.23
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APPENDIX 2

TO THE

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

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AND

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION  
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SUPERIOR BENEFITS

FULL TIME AND PART TIME

- 5.05 Note both full-time and part-time
- 8.01 The Employer shall provide the Association together with the above, a list showing the names, addresses, classifications, (social insurance number), areas of work and salary of all nurses covered by this Agreement who have been employed at any time during the period of the said deduction and including therein a specific list of nurses on unpaid leave of absence or those leaving the Hospital's employment that month.
- 12.02 full-time
- 20.01 Upon the death of a nurse at any age, the designated beneficiary of the nurse will be entitled to receive fifty per cent (50%) of the sick leave credits accrued to a nurse at the date of death.
- 20.02 Nurses who retire under the terms of the Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan regardless of length of service, will be permitted to cash out fifty per cent (50%) of their sick leave credits accrued,
- 20.03 On termination of employment for any reason other than discharge or cause, a nurse shall be paid fifty per cent (50%) of the accumulated sick leave then standing to her credit after five (5) years of continuous employment.
- 15.01 (a) Note regular part-time only
- 28.03 In order to qualify for holiday pay, a nurse must:
- (a) Work her last full scheduled shift immediately preceding and her first full scheduled shift immediately following the holiday:
  - (b) Work any time in the fifteen day period beginning seven days before the holiday and ending seven days after the holiday unless unable, for reasons acceptable to the Employer, to have fulfilled conditions (a) & (b).
- 15.01 (b) Note part time only
- 28.10 If a part-time nurse works on a designated holiday, she shall be paid at time and one half (1½) her regular straight time hourly rate for all hours worked on such holiday. Where, in addition, she is required to work additional hours following her full tour on that day (but not including hours on subsequent regularly scheduled tours for such nurse), she shall receive two (2) times her regular straight time hourly rate for such additional hours worked. This clause shall apply to all casual part-time nurses in the Employ of the Employer

16.01 Note part-time only

27.07 A part-time nurse who has less than four (4) years (800 tours worked) accumulated seniority shall be entitled to six percent (6%) of all pay earned during the vacation year, and shall be paid at the end of the vacation year. This clause shall apply to all casual part-time nurses in the Employ of the Employer as of October 1981.

27.08 Part-time nurses who have more than four (4) years (800 tours worked) of seniority shall be entitled to eight percent (8%) of all pay earned during the vacation year, and shall be paid at the end of the vacation year. This clause shall apply to all casual part-time nurses in the Employ of the Employer as of October 23 1981.

19.09 full-time and  
18.09 part-time

Schedule "B"

Educational Increments:

Salary recognition for additional preparation shall be in addition to the above schedule if used in the position assigned as follows:

- (a) For a successful completion and documentation of a course agreed on by the Employer and the Association, \$15.00 monthly
- (b) For a course in nursing unit administration, \$15.00 monthly.
- (c) For a one year university certificate or diploma in nursing, \$40.00 monthly.
- (d) For a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, \$80.00 monthly.
- (e) For a Master of Science in Nursing degree, \$120.00 monthly.
- (1) A nurse possessing more than one degree or certificate shall be entitled only to the highest single increment to which any of her degrees or certificates entitle her.
- (2) Items (c) (d) and (e) shall be payable only to Assistant Head Nurses.



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Appendix 3



# ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION GRIEVANCE REPORT



ONA LOCAL	EMPLOYER	<b>STEP</b>	DATE SUBMITTED TO EMPLOYER
GRIEVOR		1.	
DEPARTMENT	GRIEVANCE NUMBER	2.	
		3.	

NATURE OF GRIEVANCE AND DATE OF OCCURRENCE

SETTLEMENT REQUESTED

SIGNATURE OF GRIEVOR:

SIGNATURE OF ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:

STEP

EMPLOYER'S ANSWER

DATE:

ONE

SIGNATURE & POSITION OF EMPLOYER'S REPRESENTATIVE



DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL

EMPLOYER'S ANSWER

DATE:

STEP

SIGNATURE & POSITION OF EMPLOYER'S REPRESENTATIVE

TWO



DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL

EMPLOYER'S ANSWER

DATE:

STEP

SIGNATURE & POSITION OF EMPLOYER'S REPRESENTATIVE

THREE

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APPENDIX 4

LIST OF CHAIRPERSONS

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

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|---|---|
| 1. Miss Joyce Bailey<br>Executive Director<br>Wellesley Hospital<br>Toronto, Ontario  | 9. Dean Phyllis Jones<br>Faculty of Nursing<br>University of Toronto<br>Toronto, Ontario  |
| 2. Dr. Alice Baumgart<br>School of Nursing<br>Queen's University<br>Kingston, Ontario   | 10. Ms. Patricia Kirby<br>Chairman Diploma<br>Nursing Program<br>Lambton College<br>Sarnia, Ontario                                 |
| 3. Ms. Margaret Charters<br>Assistant Administrator<br>Nursing and Patient Care<br>Hamilton Civic Hospital<br>Hamilton, Ontario     | 11. Ms. Louise Lemieux-Charles<br>Director of Nursing Practice<br>Surgical Services<br>Toronto General Hospital<br>Toronto, Ontario |
| 4. Mrs. Roxie Edwards<br>Executive Director<br>Bruce Peninsula &<br>District Memorial<br>Hospital<br>Wiarton, Ontario               | 12. Ms. Maxine Pastirik<br>Welland, Ontario   |
| 5. Dr. Josephine Flaherty<br>Principal Nursing Officer<br>Health and Welfare Canada<br>Ottawa, Ontario                              | 13. Dr. Lucille Peszat<br>Canadian Centre for Stress<br>and Well Being<br>Toronto, Ontario  |
| 6. Ms. Barbara Harris<br>Instructor Nursing Dept.<br>Ryerson Polytechnical<br>Institute<br>Toronto, Ontario                         | 14. Mrs. Glenna Rowsell<br>Worklife Affairs Manager<br>Canadian Nurses' Association<br>Ottawa, Ontario                              |
| 7. Ms. Gwen Hefferman<br>Assistant Director<br>Nursing Services<br>In-service Education<br>Ottawa Civic Hospital<br>Ottawa, Ontario | 15. Mrs. Helen Taylor<br>Toronto, Ontario   |
| 8. Ms. Mary Jamieson<br>Assistant Executive Director<br>Patient Care<br>Sarnia General Hospital<br>Sarnia, Ontario                  | 16. Ms. Judy Tiivel<br>Teacher Staff Development<br>Department of Nursing<br>Toronto General Hospital<br>Toronto, Ontario           |
|   | 17. Ms. Kathleen Webb<br>Director of Nursing<br>Humber Memorial Hospital<br>Toronto, Ontario  |

APPENDIX 5

TO THE  
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

WELLAND COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL  
(hereinafter referred to as the "**Employer**")

AND

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

- ARTICLE A - RECOGNITION
- ARTICLE B - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS
- ARTICLE C - REPRESENTATION AND COMMITTEES
- ARTICLE D - SENIORITY
- ARTICLE E - LEAVE OF ABSENCE - ASSOCIATION BUSINESS (LOCAL)
- ARTICLE F - ILLNESS
- ARTICLE G - HOURS OF WORK
- ARTICLE H - PAID HOLIDAYS
- ARTICLE I - VACATIONS
- ARTICLE J - HEALTH AND WELFARE
- ARTICLE K - MISCELLANEOUS
- ARTICLE L - PART TIME
- ARTICLE M - EXTENDED TOUR
- ARTICLE N - DEFINITIONS

FULL TIME AND PART TIME

ARTICLE A - RECOGNITION

A-1 The Employer recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all registered and graduate nurses employed by the Welland County General Hospital engaged in a nursing capacity save and except Head Nurses, and persons above the rank of Head Nurse.

ARTICLE B - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

B-1 The Association recognizes that the management of the Hospital and the direction of the working force are fixed exclusively in the Employer and shall remain solely with the Employer. The Association acknowledges that it is the exclusive function of the Employer to:

- (a) maintain order, discipline and efficiency;
- (b) hire, assign, retire, direct, promote, classify, transfer, lay-off, recall, discipline, suspend or discharge nurses provided that a claim of discipline, suspension or discharge without **just** cause may become the subject of a grievance and be dealt with as hereinafter provided;
- (c) determine, in the interest of efficient operation and the highest standard of service, job rating or classification, the hours of work, work assignments, methods of doing the work, and the working establishment for any service;
- (d) determine the number of personnel required, the service to be performed, and the methods, procedure and equipment to be used in connection therewith;
- (e) make and enforce and alter **from** time to time reasonable rules and regulations to be observed by the nurses.

B-2 It is agreed that these rights shall not be exercised in a manner inconsistent with the express provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE C - REPRESENTATION AND COMMITTEES

C-1 Nurse Representatives

There shall be eleven (11) Nurse Representatives from ten (10) different areas of the Hospital. The ten (10) areas of the Hospital are as follows:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Representatives</u>
6 East and West	1
4 East and West	1
O.R. and R.R.	1
3 East and West	1
I.C.U. and 3 South	1
O.B.S.	1
2 South	1
Emergency	1
Woolcott Wing and Extended Care Unit	2
Part-time Nurses	1

C-2 Grievance Committee

There shall be a Grievance Committee composed of no more than three (3) nurses.

C-3 Hospital-Association Committee

There shall be a Hospital-Association Committee composed of four (4) representatives from the Association and four (4) representatives from the Hospital.

C-4 Negotiating Committee

There shall be a Negotiating Committee composed of no more than four (4) nurses.

e-5 In the event that a representative is transferred from one area of representation to another area, such nurse shall continue to be recognized by the Employer as the representative of the area from which transferred for a period of one (1) month, except when transferred to a managerial position, for the purpose of handling any grievance which she was processing at the time of her transfer.

C-6 The interview of newly-hired nurse(s) as required by Article 5.06 (both full-time and part-time) will be granted at a time and place to be designated by the Employer. Such interview shall take place during the orientation period.

ARTICLE D - SENIORITY

D-1 A copy of the full-time and regular part-time seniority list as provided for in Article 10.02 shall be posted and filed with the President of the Association on January 31st and July 31st each year.

ARTICLE E - LEAVE OF ABSENCE - ASSOCIATION BUSINESS (LOCAL)

E-1 The Employer shall grant leave of absence without pay to attend Association meetings, courses for representatives, etc.

- (1) the total of such leave shall not exceed forty-five (45) days;
- (2) no more than four (4) nurses shall be absent at one time;
- (3) no more than one (1) nurse from any one area.
- (4) up to three (3) nurses shall be granted leave of absence to attend an arbitration hearing and such days shall not be charged against the forty-five (45) days in (1) above.
- (5) up to four (4) nurses shall be granted leave of absence to attend a conciliation or interest arbitration hearing and such days shall not be charged against the forty-five (45) days in (1) above.

ARTICLE F - ILLNESS

F-1 In order to qualify for sick leave, a nurse must notify her Supervisor at least one and one-half (1-1/2) hours prior to the beginning of her working day if on the a.m. shift and four (4) hours if on the p.m. shift.

F-2 When returning to duty from illness, the Nursing Office Staff must be notified of return to duty at least twelve (12) hours before the commencement of the tour for which the nurse is booked. For nurses working the extended tours, the nurse must notify the Nursing Office at least ten (10) hours before the commencement of the tour for which she is booked,

Should the staff member report on duty without notifying the Nursing Office, the replacement arrangement will hold and the staff member will be asked to return home and he or she will **not** receive payment for that tour.

ARTICLE G - HOURS OF WORK

- G-1 Hours shall be worked in accordance with rotating shift schedules as determined by the Employer.
- G-2 The rest periods and meal periods as provided for in Article 13.01 (a) (i) and 13.01 (b) (in both the full-time and part-time) will be determined by her Supervisor.
- G-3 Scheduling Regulations
- (a) It is understood that a weekend consists of 56 consecutive hours off work during the period following the completion of the Friday day tour until the commencement of the Monday day tour.
  - (b) The Hospital shall attempt to provide at least one (1) weekend off in three (3), but if the nurse is required to work on a third or subsequent consecutive weekend, she shall be paid for the time worked on such weekends at the premium as provided for in Article 14.03 of the full-time Collective Agreement until such time as she is granted a weekend off. It is understood and agreed that weekends off must be equitably distributed on a system of rotation in each unit among general staff.
  - (c) In each two (2) week period there shall be scheduled four (4) days off, two (2) of which shall be consecutive, and the other two (2) may be split. Split days off will not be scheduled more frequently than once in a four (4) week period.
  - (d) No nurse shall be scheduled to work more than seven (7) consecutive days without days off except by request of, or agreement by the nurse.
  - (e) A schedule of working hours and days off will be posted three (3) weeks in advance.
  - (f) Requests from nurses for changes in posted time schedules must be submitted in writing and co-signed by a nurse willing to exchange days off or shift. It is understood that such change in days off or shift initiated by the nurse and approved by the Employer will not result in overtime payment.
  - (g) The Employer will endeavour to schedule shifts as evenly as is possible governed by the efficient operation of the Hospital. A nurse may not be required to change shifts of duty more than once during a work week except by agreement of the nurse.

- (h) A period of sixteen (16) consecutive hours off will be scheduled between change of shifts. At least forty-eight (48) consecutive hours off shall be scheduled when changing from night shift to another shift, twenty-four (24) hours of which shall be a day off. Should these regulations not be adhered to, a nurse will be paid the premium as provided for in Article 14.03 of the full-time and part-time Collective Agreement for **the** first shift worked.
- (i) These scheduling regulations may be waived between December 15th and January 15th so that all nurses will receive five (5) consecutive days off at either Christmas or New Year's. Time off at Christmas shall include Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day and time off at New Year's shall include New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. The Employer shall post time off at Christmas and New Year's six (6) weeks in advance.
- (j) There shall be an equal distribution of on-call duty with the option to exchange.
- (k) A nurse requesting a specific shift on a permanent basis will **be** given consideration if convenient to the Employer to make such an arrangement. Such arrangement may be terminated at the discretion of **the** Employer.
- (l) Split tours will not be scheduled without the consent of the nurse, and paid holidays or days in lieu thereof shall not be used to change tours.

G-4 . **The** Employer does not guarantee to provide employment or work for normal hours or for any other hours, nor does it guarantee a **specific** number of hours of work.

G-5 The normal shifts of duty are where the majority of hours fall in the following periods:

Day Shift	0730 to 1530
Afternoon	1530 to 2330
Night	2330 to 0730

e-6 Entitlement to lieu time off, as provided for in Article 14.09 and 15.05 of **the** full-time collective agreement shall be scheduled at a mutual agreeable time but in any event shall be taken within thirty (30) days.



ARTICLE H - PAID HOLIDAYS

H-1 The following shall be recognized as paid holidays:

New Year's Day	Civic Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in February	Labour Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Easter Monday	Christmas, Day
Victoria Day	Boxing Day
Dominion Day	

H-2 A full-time nurse who is required to work on any of the above holidays shall have a lieu day off as provided for in 15.05 of the full-time Collective Agreement within thirty (30) days before or after the holiday. A nurse's wishes will be considered in scheduling such a lieu day.

H-3 In this article "holiday" means, for the nurse, the day on which the majority of hours worked fall on the day of the holiday.

H-4 Scheduling of a day off on the day of observance of a holiday shall be distributed among the nurses as equitably as is reasonably practical. The lieu day off for full-time nurses as provided for in H-2 shall be scheduled in conjunction with the nurse's normal days off or at a mutually agreeable time.

H-5 When a full-time nurse is entitled to a lieu day as provided for in Article 15.04 (a) and 15.04 (b) of the full-time Collective Agreement, the day will be scheduled within thirty (30) days at a mutually agreeable time,

ARTICLE I - VACATIONS

I-1 All nurses shall be entitled to vacation based on the length of continuous service as of June 30th of any year.

I-2 (a) Vacation may be taken between January 2nd and December 15th, according to quotas established by Nursing Administration. Vacation will be awarded on the basis of seniority, but the final decision rests with the Hospital. Vacation requests shall be submitted and schedules posted as follows:

Vacation Period

- (i) October 1 - April 30th
- (ii) May 1st - September 30th

Vacation Lists for Requests

- (i) July 2nd - July 31st
- (ii) January 2nd - January 31st

Final Schedule Posted

- (i) August 31
  - (ii) February 28
- (b) Nursing Personnel who wish to split their vacation will be granted seniority consideration once during a vacation year.

- I-3 All vacations must be taken by December 15th of the qualifying year.
- I-4 Vacation pay shall be paid to a nurse in advance of her vacation if requested on the allocated form. Vacation allowance paid in this manner represents that pay or those pays which fall during the vacation period.
- I-5 Vacation pay for part-time nurses shall be paid on the first full pay period following June 30th of any year.

ARTICLE J - HEALTH AND WELFARE

- J-1 The Employer may, in its sole discretion, permit a nurse who has reached her normal retirement date, as prescribed by the plan, to continue in employment on a month to month basis.

ARTICLE K - MISCELLANEOUS

- K-1 Pay cheques are to be issued every second Thursday, but may be delayed until Friday when interfered with by the occurrence of a statutory holiday during the pay week.
- K-2 Nurses shall give at least one month's written notice of intention to resign, except in cases which the Employer regards as extenuating circumstances.
- K-3 Except in cases of discharge for just cause, the Employer shall give a nurse at least one month's written notice of termination of employment.
- K-4 The Agreement will provide for bulletin boards whereby the Association may post notices of activities on the bulletin board after obtaining proper Hospital authoritative signatures on such notice.

ARTICLE L - PART TIME NURSES

L-1 Regular Part-Time Commitment

All regular part time nurses' commitment of availability shall be as follows:

- (1) two (2) weekends in three (3);
- (2) two (2) tours per week;
- (3) six (6) weeks in July and August;
- (4) Christmas or New Year's and three (3) other recognized holidays;
- (5) available for two (2) shifts of duty.

In addition, part-time nurses shall be available for stand-by in departments which require standby.

E-2 For regular part-time nurses, except in the emergency situation, a schedule of working hours shall be posted three (3) weeks in advance. For casual part-time nurses, except in emergency situations, a schedule of working hours will be posted one (1) week in advance.

ARTICLE M - EXTENDED TOUR

M-1 This Article shall apply to nurses working the Extended Tours in the following areas:

Obstetrics

Surgery - 3E

3W

Intensive Care Unit

Medical - 4E

6E + 6W

Psychiatry - 2S - except for M-5 (a).

Pediatrics - 4W

M-2 The Extended Tour as provided for in Article 13.02 may be cancelled by either party on giving ten (10) calendar weeks notice to the other in writing of its desire to terminate. A meeting shall be held within two (2) weeks of receipt of such notice to discuss the reasons for the cancellation.

M-a With the exception of the specific variations set forth in this Article, all other conditions and terms of the Collective Agreement and Appendices shall remain in full force and effect.

M-4

Seniority

The probationary period, as provided for in Article 10.01, for the Extended Tour, shall be four hundred and fifty (450) hours.

M-5

Hours of Work

- (a) The normal daily tour as defined in Article 13.01 (a) (i) for the Extended Tour shall be six (6) paid tours of 11.25 hours exclusive of a forty-five (45) minute unpaid meal period and one (1) paid tour of 7.5 hours exclusive of a thirty (30) minute unpaid meal period.
- (b) Nurses on the Extended Tour shall be entitled to forty-five (45) minutes paid relief periods,
- (c) No nurse shall be required to work more than three (3) consecutive extended tours unless mutually agreed between the nurse and the employer. It is understood that this provision is waived from December 15th to January 15th of each year.

M-6

Vacation

Vacation as provided for in Article 16.01, for nurses working the Extended Tour, shall be expressed in hours as follows:

- (a) 1.25 vacation days or 9.375 hours;
- (b) 15 vacation days or 112.5 hours;
- (c) 20 vacation days or 150 hours;
- (d) 25 vacation days or 187.5 hours.

ARTICLE N - DEFINITIONS

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- (a) "Association" means the Ontario Nurses' Association, Welland County General Hospital.
- (b) "Bargaining Unit" means all full-time and part-time registered and graduate nurses employed by the Employer engaged in a nursing capacity.
- (c) "Bi-weekly rate of pay" means the monthly rate of pay multiplied by twelve and divided by twenty-six.
- (d) "Daily rate of pay" means the monthly rate of pay multiplied by twelve and divided by two hundred and sixty.

- (e) "Day Off" in relation to a nurse means a day other than a paid holiday on which the nurse is not scheduled to perform the duties of her position other than by reason of her being on leave of absence.
- (f) "Employer" means the Welland County General Hospital.
- (g) "Paid Holiday" means a twenty-four hour period on which the majority of hours fall on such recognized holiday.
- (h) It is understood that a weekend consists of 56 consecutive hours off work during the period following the completion of the Friday day tour until the commencement of the Monday day tour.
- (i) "A Split tour shall be defined as":
  - (1) One which is scheduled, and contrary to the existing shifts or
  - (2) Working two different tours in a twelve hour period.

