

**COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

Between:

**SAULT AREA HOSPITALS**  
(hereinafter referred to as "the Hospital")

And:

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

**EXPIRY: March 31, 2001**

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## ARTICLE 1- PURPOSE

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

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

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

## ARTICLE 2 - DEFINITIONS & GRADUATE NURSES

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

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

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

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

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

### ARTICLE 3 - RELATIONSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**i)** a sexual solicitation or advance made by a person in a position to confer, grant or deny a benefit or advancement to the person where the person making the solicitation or advance knows or ought reasonably to know that it is unwelcome; or

**ii)** a reprisal or threat of reprisal for the rejection of a sexual solicitation or advance where the reprisal is made or threatened by a person in a position to confer, grant or deny a benefit or advancement to the person”. **ref: Ontario Human Rights Code, Sec. 7 (3)**

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

**NOTE:** “Harassment” means engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome”. **ref: Ontario Human Rights Code, Sec. 10 (1)**

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

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

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

#### ARTICLE 5 - ASSOCIATION SECURITY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ARTICLE 6 - REPRESENTATION AND COMMIT-TEES

### **6.01** Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

### 6.03 Hospital-Association Committee

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



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

## 6.04

(a) Negotiating Committee

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

(b) Central Negotiating Team

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 6.05 Joint Occupational Health and **Safety** Committee

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

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

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

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

- (e) Meetings shall be held every second month or more frequently at the call of the Chair, if required. The Committee shall maintain minutes of all meetings and make the same available for review.
- (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 representatives to perform these duties shall be granted.

“A member of a committee is entitled to,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ARTICLE 7 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

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

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

**Step No. 1**

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

**Step No. 2**

**Within** nine (9) calendar days following the decision under Step No. 1, the grievance may be submitted in writing to the Hospital Administrator or designate. A meeting will then be held between the Hospital Administrator or designate and the Grievance Committee within nine (9) calendar days of the submission of the grievance at Step 2 unless extended by agreement of the parties. It is understood and agreed that a representative(s) of the Ontario Nurses' Association and the **grievor** may be present at the meeting. It is further understood that the Hospital Administrator or designate may have such counsel and assistance as she or he may desire at such meeting. The decision of the Hospital shall be delivered in writing within nine (9) calendar days following the date of such meeting. A copy of the second step grievance reply will be provided to the Labour Relations Officer.

- 7.04** A complaint or grievance arising directly between the Hospital and the Association concerning the interpretation, application or alleged violation of the Agreement shall be originated at Step No. 2 within fourteen (14) calendar days following the circumstances giving rise to the complaint or grievance. A grievance by the Hospital shall be filed with the Bargaining Unit President or designate.
- 7.05** Where a number of nurses have identical grievances and each nurse would be entitled to grieve separately they may present a group grievance in writing signed by each nurse who is grieving to the Chief Nursing Officer or designate within fourteen (14) calendar days after the circumstances giving rise to the grievance have occurred or ought reasonably to have come to the

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

#### 7.06

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 7.07

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

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

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

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

**7.09** Association grievances shall be on the form set out in Appendix I.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

## ARTICLE 8 - PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ARTICLE 9 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### **9.01** Preamble

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

### **9.02** Committee

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

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

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

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

### 9.03 Orientation and In-Service Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.09 **Internships:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

## ARTICLE IO – SENIORITY

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

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

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

## 10.02

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

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

iii) Subsequently certified Hospitals shall establish dates for the commencement of the accumulation of seniority by local negotiations in accordance with the terms of the Memorandum of Conditions for Joint Bargaining.

(d) A **copy** of the current seniority list will be filed with the Bargaining Unit President of the Local Association, or designate, on request but not more frequently than once every six **(6)** months at a time to be determined locally. A **copy** of the seniority list shall also be posted at the same time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 10.05

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

- (a) leaves of her or his own accord;
- (b) is discharged and the discharge is not reversed through the grievance or arbitration procedure;
- (c) has been laid off for twenty-four **(24)** calendar months;
- (d) refuses to continue to work or return to work during an emergency which seriously affects the Hospital's ability to provide adequate patient care, unless a **satisfactory** reason is given to the Hospital;
- (e) is absent from scheduled work for a period of three **(3)** or more consecutive working days without notifying the Hospital of such absence and providing a **satisfactory reason** to the Hospital;
- (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 or his intention to return within twenty **(20)** calendar days **after** she or he has received the notice of recall mailed by registered mail to the last known address according to the records of the Hospital and fails to report to work within thirty **(30)** calendar days after she or he has received the notice of recall or such further period of time as may be agreed upon by the parties;
- (h) **is absent** from work due to illness or disability for a period of thirty **(30)** months from the time such absence commenced.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (e) The Hospital shall have the right to fill any permanent vacancy on a temporary basis until the posting procedure or the Request for Transfer procedure provided herein has been complied with and arrangements have been made to **permit** the nurse selected to fill the vacancy to be assigned to the job.
- (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 or his selection.
- (g) **Where** nurses are reassigned to meet patient care needs at the hospital, they will be reassigned to units or areas where they are qualified to perform the available work.

#### 10.07

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

**10.08**

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

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

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

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

#### 10.09

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 10.12

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 10.13**
- (a) Local Human Resource Plans will apply to Health Services Restructuring Commission directives. In other circumstances, the balance of this Article will apply.
  - (b) Before issuing notice of long term layoff pursuant to Article **10.07(e)(ii)**, and following notice pursuant to Article **10.07(e)(i)**, the Hospital will make offers of early retirement allowance in accordance with the following conditions:
    - i) The Hospital will first make offers in order of seniority on the unit(s) where layoffs would otherwise occur.
    - ii) The Hospital will make offers to nurses eligible for early retirement under the Hospital pension plan (including regular part-time, if applicable, whether or not they participate in the hospital pension plan).
    - iii) If no nurses on the unit affected accept the offer, the Hospital will then extend the offer to other nurses in the bargaining unit in order of seniority.
    - iv) The number of early retirements the Hospital approves will not exceed the number of nurses who would otherwise be laid off.

A nurse who elects an early retirement option shall receive, following completion of the last day of work, a retirement allowance of two (**2**) weeks' salary for each year of service, to a maximum ceiling of fifty-two (**52**) weeks' salary.
  - (c) Where a nurse has received individual notice of long term layoff under Article **10.07** such nurse may resign and receive a separation allowance as follows:



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

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

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

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

## ARTICLE II- LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

### **11.02** Leave for Association Business

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

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

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

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

### 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 regular pay for scheduled hours, in conjunction with the day of the funeral of a member of her or his immediate family. "Immediate family" means parent, brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, **son-in-law, daughter-**

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

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

#### 11.06 **Jury & Witness Duty**

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

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

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

#### 11.07 **Pregnancy Leave**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 11.08 Parental Leave

- (a) A nurse who becomes a parent of a child is eligible to take a parental leave in accordance with the provisions of the *Employment Standards Act*, except where amended in this provision.
- (b) A nurse who has taken a pregnancy leave under Article **11.07** is eligible to be granted a parental leave of up to eighteen (**18**) weeks' duration, in accordance *with the Employment Standards Act*. A nurse who is eligible for a parental leave who is the natural father or is an adoptive parent may extend the parental leave for a period of up to twelve (**12**) months duration, consideration being given to any requirements of adoption authorities. In cases of adoption, the nurse shall advise the hospital as far in advance as possible with respect to a prospective adoption and shall request the leave of absence, in writing, upon receipt of confirmation of the pending adoption. If, because of late receipt of confirmation of the pending adoption, the nurse finds it impossible to request the leave of absence in writing, the request may be made verbally and subsequently verified in writing.
- (c) The nurse shall be reinstated to her or his former position, unless that position has been discontinued, in which case the nurse shall be given a comparable job.
- (d) Nurses newly hired to replace nurses who are on approved parental leave may be released and such release shall not be the subject of a grievance or arbitration. If retained by the Hospital, in a permanent position, the nurse shall be credited with seniority from date of hire subject to successfully completing her or his probationary period. The nurse shall be credited with tours worked (hours worked for nurses whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day) towards the probationary period provided in Article **10.01** (a) to a maximum of **30** tours (**225** hours for nurses whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day).

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

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

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

## 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 Chief Nursing Officer, Supervisor or designate. Requests for such leave will not be unreasonably denied.
- (b) A full-time or regular part-time nurse shall be entitled to leave of absence without loss of earnings from her or his regularly scheduled working hours for the purpose of writing any examinations required in any **recognized** course in which nurses are enrolled to upgrade their nursing qualifications.

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

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

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

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

**11.11** **Pre-Paid Leave Plan**

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

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

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

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



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

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

## 11.12 Secondments

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

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

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

hospital for a period not greater than one **(1)** year. It is understood that this nurse remains the employee of the sending hospital and is subject to the terms and conditions of employment of that hospital.

If the seconded nurse is not covered by an **ONA** collective agreement, the Hospital will ensure that the Union receives the equivalent of the dues remittance for all such workers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 12.04

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ARTICLE 13 - HOURS OF WORK

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

Subject to Article **13.02** below:

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

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

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

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

### 13.02

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

The normal daily extended tour shall be **11.25** consecutive hours in any **24**-hour period, exclusive of a total of forty-five **(45)** minutes of unpaid meal time.

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

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

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

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

### 13.03

#### Innovative Unit Scheduling

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

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

#### 13.04 Unit Weekend Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(c)** Paid Holiday Bank

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(d)** Sick Leave

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

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



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

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

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

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

**(e)** Leaves of Absence

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

**(f)** Tour Exchange

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

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

**(g)** Overtime

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

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

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

**(h) Scheduling Provisions**

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

**(i) Christmas Period**

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

**13.05 Individual Special Circumstance Arrangements**

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 14 - PREMIUM PAYMENT**14.01** (a) (Article **14.01** (a) applies to full-time nurses only)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 14.11 Ambulance Escort

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## ARTICLE 15 - PAID HOLIDAYS

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

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

In the event that the Provincial Government declares an additional holiday (such as Heritage Day) during the term of this Agreement, such holiday will be substituted for one of the 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 or his full scheduled shift on each of the working days immediately preceding and following the holiday concerned unless excused by the Hospital or the nurse was absent due to:

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

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

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

**15.04** Subject to Article **15.02**:

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

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

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

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

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

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

If a regular part-time nurse works on any of the holidays listed in Article **15.01** of this Agreement, she or he shall be paid at the rate of time and **one-half** (**11/2**) her or his regular straight time hourly rate (as set out in the Wage Schedule) for all hours worked on such holiday, subject to the application of Article **14.04** regarding hours worked in addition to her or his full tour.

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

This note applies to nurses only.

## ARTICLE 16 -VACATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ARTICLE 17 - HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

(Article 17 applies to full-time nurses only)

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 17.02** For newly hired nurses, coverage as set out in Article **17.01** shall be effective the first billing date in the month following the month in which the nurse was first employed subject to any **enrollment** or other requirements of the Plan. In no instance shall the first billing date for a nurse occur later than the first day of the fourth full month following the month in which the newly-hired nurse was first employed.
- 17.03** The Hospital may substitute another carrier for any of the foregoing plans (other than **OHIP**) provided that the level of benefits conferred thereby are not decreased. The Hospital will advise the Association of any change in carrier or underwriter at least sixty (**60**) days prior to implementing a change in carrier.
- 17.04** All present nurses enrolled in the Hospital's Pension Plan shall maintain their **enrollment** in the Plan (Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan or another Pension Plan) subject to its terms and conditions. New nurses and nurses employed but not yet eligible for membership in the Plan shall, as a condition of employment, **enroll** in the Plan when eligible in accordance with **its** terms and conditions.
- 17.05** The Hospital shall continue to pay the premiums for benefit plans under Articles **17** and **12** for nurses who are on paid leave of absence or on **WSIB** or at any time when salary is received, or as provided in Article **10.04**. Such payment shall also continue while a nurse is on sick leave (including the Employment Insurance Period) or on Long Term Disability to a maximum of **30** months from the time the absence commenced, or for retirees who are in receipt of Pension Permanent Disability **Benefits** to a maximum of **30** months from the time the absence commenced.

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

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



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

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

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

**17.08** **Employment Insurance Rebate**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ARTICLE 18 - MISCELLANEOUS

**18.01** Copies of this Collective Agreement will be provided to each nurse covered by the Collective Agreement by the Association and sufficient copies will be provided to the Hospital and the local Association, as requested. The cost of printing the Collective Agreement, including the printing of the French Translation, will be shared equally by the Hospital and the local Association. The cost of the French translation will be shared equally by the Association and the Participating Hospitals.

**18.02** Whenever the feminine pronoun is used in this Agreement, it includes the masculine pronoun and vice-versa where the context so requires. Where the singular is used, it may also be deemed to mean plural and vice-versa.

**18.03** It shall be the duty of each nurse to notify the Hospital promptly of any change in address or any change in temporary residency. If a nurse fails to do this, the Hospital will not be responsible for failure of a notice sent by registered mail to reach such a nurse. A nurse shall **notify** the Hospital of any change to her or his telephone number.

**18.04** Medical examinations, **re-examinations** and any tests required under the Public Hospitals Act will be provided by the Hospital in compliance with the Regulations. The nurse may choose her or his personal physician for all such examinations, except the pre-employment medical, unless the Hospital has a specific objection to the physician selected.

**18.05** Current provisions in Collective Agreements relating to the provision of **x-rays**, laboratory work, **immunization** injections, gamma globulin and other programs shall be continued.

**18.06** Prior to effecting any changes in rules or policies which affect nurses covered by this Agreement, the Hospital will discuss the changes with the Association and provide copies to the Association.

### **18.07** Influenza Vaccine

The parties agree that influenza vaccinations may be beneficial for patients and nurses. Upon a recommendation pertaining to a facility or a specifically designated area(s) thereof from the Medical Officer of Health or in

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

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

## ARTICLE 19 - COMPENSATION

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

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

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

**Classification - Registered Nurse**

**Effective April 1, 1998**

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

**Effective April 1, 1999**

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

**Effective date of Ratification**

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

**Effective April 1, 2000**

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

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

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

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

Applicable straight time hourly rate + 13%.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) **Group, Unit or Team Leader**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 19.07**
- (a) Each full-time nurse will be advanced from her or his present level to the next level set out in the Salary Schedule, twelve **(12)** months after she or he was last advanced on her or his service review date. If a full-time nurse's absence without pay from the **Hospital** exceeds thirty **(30)** continuous calendar days during each twelve **(12)** month period, the nurse's service review date will be extended by the length of such absence in excess of thirty **(30)** continuous calendar days.
- (b) Each regular part-time nurse will be advanced from her or his present level on the salary schedule to the next level on the salary schedule after obtaining one year's service credit, calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article **10.03**.
- (c) Effective November **15, 1985** casual part-time nurses will be placed on the salary grid in accordance with their service, such service to be calculated in accordance with the seniority calculation set out in Article **10.02**. Casual part-time nurses will then advance on the grid in the same manner as regular part-time nurses. ( This clause applies to nurses only).

- 19.08**
- (a) A part-time employee whose status is altered to full-time in the same position will assume her or his same level on the full-time grid. A **full-time** employee whose status is altered to part-time in the same position will assume her or his same level on the part-time grid. In



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

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

**19.09**

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

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

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

**19.10**

Education Allowance

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

**19.11**

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

Retroactivity will be paid on the basis of hours paid within four full pay periods (approximately 8 weeks) of the date of ratification. Retroactive pay will be paid on a separate cheque where the existing payroll system allows. Where the existing payroll system does not allow for such separate cheque, the Hospital may pay retroactivity as part of the regular pay. In such circumstances, the Hospital undertakes that the rate of income tax on the retroactivity will not change unless the retroactive pay changes the employee's annual tax bracket.

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

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

## ARTICLE 20 - JOB SHARING

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

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

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

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

## ARTICLE 21 - SUPERIOR CONDITIONS

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

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

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

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

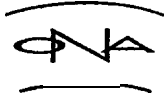
## ARTICLE 22 - DURATION

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

## ARTICLE 23

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

- Appendix 2 - List of Professional Responsibility Assessment Committee - Chairpersons
- Appendix 3 - Salary Schedule
- Appendix 4 - Superior Conditions - If Any
- Appendix 5 - Appendix of Local Provisions
- Appendix 8 - **O.N.A.** Professional Responsibility Complaint Form



**ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATION DES INFIRMIÈRES ET INFIRMIERS DE L'ONTARIO  
GRIEVANCE REPORT / RAPPORT DE GRIEF**



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DE L'AIO  
  
GRIEVOR  
PLAIGNANTE  
  
DEPARTMENT  
SERVICE

EMPLOYER  
EMPLOYEUR

GRIEVANCE NO.  
N° DU GRIEF

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DATE DE SOUMISSION A L'EMPLOYEUR

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SETTLEMENT REQUESTED / RÉGLEMENT DEMANDÉ

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SIGNATURE DE LA PLAIGNANTE:

SIGNATURE OF ASSOCIATION REP:  
SIGNATURE DE LA REP DE L'AIO:

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SIGNATURE ET TITRE DU REPRESENTANT DE L'EMPLOYEUR

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SIGNATURE ET TITRE DU REPRESENTANT DE L'EMPLOYEUR

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APPENDIX 2

LIST OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE - CHAIRPERSONS

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

LETTERS OF UNDERSTANDING

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

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

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

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**Joint Central Committee**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Re: Professional Responsibility clause**

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

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

FOR THE ASSOCIATION

Dan Anderson  
Linda **Haslam-Stroud**  
**Lesley** Bell  
Linda **Lachance**  
Barb **Wahl**  
Donna **Bain**  
Sylvia **Blanchard**  
Jo Anne Shannon  
Valerie MacDonald  
Debbie **McCrank**  
Carolyn **Prepp**  
Catherine **Iles-Peck**  
Marjorie Calvin  
Elizabeth **Dewar**  
Lawrence Walter  
Judith **Mcllwaine**

FOR THE HOSPITALS

Robert J. Bass  
Maureen **Bedek**  
**Garry Cardiff**  
Ruth Dixon  
Marilyn **Travaglini**  
Sue Graham  
Bernie **D. Schmidt**  
Joan Edwards  
Sylvia **Halliday**  
**Bronwen** Morgan  
Ursula **Verstraete**  
Richard Kelly  
Judith **Skelton-Green**  
Randy **Belair**  
Dan McPherson



DATED at SSM ONTARIO, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 2001.

FOR THE HOSPITAL

Len Kazzo

[Signature]

Currie

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FOR THE UNION

W. Cairney

[Signature]

Wanda Hubly

Pam Mancuso

Chauvette McFarlane

LOCAL ISSUES

To The:

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

Between:

**SAULT AREA HOSPITALS**  
(hereinafter referred to as "the Hospital")

And:

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

**EXPIRY: March 31, 2001**

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## APPENDIX 3 - SALARY SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1997					
		REGISTERED NURSE	GRADUATE NURSE	TEAM COORDINATOR & NURSE CLINICIAN	CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST
START	HOURLY	18.30	17.80	19.22	
	MONTHLY	2973.75	2892.50	3123.25	3257.91
1 YEAR	HOURLY	19.22	18.66	20.18	
	MONTHLY	3123.25	3032.25	3279.25	3421.36
2 YEARS	HOURLY	19.98	19.38	20.98	
	MONTHLY	3246.75	3149.25	3409.25	3557.56
3 YEARS	HOURLY	21.03	20.37	22.08	
	MONTHLY	3417.38	3310.13	3588.00	3744.60
4 YEARS	HOURLY	22.07	21.37	23.17	
	MONTHLY	3586.38	3472.63	3765.13	3929.84
5 YEARS	HOURLY	23.12	22.36	24.28	
	MONTHLY	3757.00	3633.50	3945.50	4116.88
6 YEARS	HOURLY	24.43	23.60	25.65	
	MONTHLY	3969.88	3835.00	4168.13	4349.33
7 YEARS	HOURLY	25.73	24.76	27.02	
	MONTHLY	4181.13	4023.50	4390.75	4581.78
8 YEARS	HOURLY	27.04	26.01	28.40	
	MONTHLY	4394.00	4226.63	4615.00	4814.23
9 YEARS	HOURLY	28.36	27.27	29.77	
	MONTHLY	4608.50	4431.38	4837.63	5048.49

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1998					
		REGISTERED NURSE	GRADUATE NURSE	TEAM COORDINATOR & NURSE CLINICIAN	CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST
START	HOURLY	19.04	18.16	19.60	
	MONTHLY	3094.00	2951.00	3185.00	3323.07
1 YEAR	HOURLY	20.00	19.03	20.58	
	MONTHLY	3250.00	3092.38	3344.25	3489.79
2 YEARS	HOURLY	20.79	19.77	21.40	
	MONTHLY	3378.38	3212.63	3477.50	3628.71
3 YEARS	HOURLY	21.88	20.78	22.52	
	MONTHLY	3555.50	3376.75	3659.50	3819.49
4 YEARS	HOURLY	22.96	21.80	23.63	
	MONTHLY	3731.00	3542.50	3839.88	4008.44
5 YEARS	HOURLY	24.05	22.81	24.77	
	MONTHLY	3908.13	3706.63	4025.13	4199.22
6 YEARS	HOURLY	25.42	24.07	26.16	
	MONTHLY	4130.75	3911.38	4251.00	4436.32
7 YEARS	HOURLY	26.77	25.26	27.56	
	MONTHLY	4350.13	4104.75	4478.50	4673.42
8 YEARS	HOURLY	28.13	26.53	28.97	
	MONTHLY	4571.13	4311.13	4707.63	4910.51
9 YEARS	HOURLY	29.51	27.82	30.37	
	MONTHLY	4795.38	4520.75	4935.13	5149.46

DATE OF RATIFICATION					
		REGISTERED NURSE	GRADUATE NURSE	TEAM COORDINATOR & NURSE CLINICIAN	CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST
START	HOURLY	20.00	19.03	20.58	
	MONTHLY	3250.00	3092.38	3344.25	3489.79
1 YEAR	HOURLY	20.79	19.77	21.40	
	MONTHLY	3378.38	3212.63	3477.50	3628.71
2 YEARS	HOURLY	21.88	20.78	22.52	
	MONTHLY	3555.50	3376.75	3659.50	3819.49
3 YEARS	HOURLY	22.96	21.80	23.63	
	MONTHLY	3731.00	3542.50	3839.88	4008.44
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6 YEARS	HOURLY	26.77	25.26	27.56	
	MONTHLY	4350.13	4104.75	4478.50	4673.42
7 YEARS	HOURLY	28.13	26.53	28.97	
	MONTHLY	4571.13	4311.13	4707.63	4910.51
8 YEARS	HOURLY	29.51	27.82	30.37	
	MONTHLY	4795.38	4520.75	4935.13	5149.46

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2000					
		REGISTERED NURSE	GRADUATE NURSE	TEAM COORDINATOR & NURSE CLINICIAN	CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST
START	HOURLY	20.50	19.51	21.09	
	MONTHLY	3331.25	3170.38	3427.13	3577.03
1 YEAR	HOURLY	21.31	20.26	21.94	
	MONTHLY	3462.88	3292.25	3565.25	3719.43
2 YEARS	HOURLY	22.43	21.30	23.08	
	MONTHLY	3644.88	3461.25	3750.50	3914.98
3 YEARS	HOURLY	23.54	22.35	24.22	
	MONTHLY	3825.25	3631.88	3935.75	4108.65
4 YEARS	HOURLY	24.66	23.38	25.39	
	MONTHLY	4007.25	3799.25	4125.88	4304.20
5 YEARS	HOURLY	26.05	24.67	26.81	
	MONTHLY	4233.13	4008.88	4356.63	4547.23
6 YEARS	HOURLY	27.44	25.89	28.25	
	MONTHLY	4459.00	4207.13	4590.63	4790.26
7 YEARS	HOURLY	28.84	27.19	29.69	
	MONTHLY	4686.50	4418.38	4824.63	5033.27
8 YEARS	HOURLY	30.24	28.52	31.13	
	MONTHLY	4914.00	4634.50	5058.63	5278.20

APPENDIX 4 - SUPERIOR CONDITIONS

1. In providing the list of nurses from whom dues deductions were made in each month, the Hospital shall also include the following information: the names of those nurses on leaves of absence and of those nurses who have terminated their services that month. In addition to the foregoing, the Hospital will supply the Association with addresses of new employees when they are placed on the check-off list for the first time.

2. Educational Allowance

Special Preparation Bonuses	Per Month (Full-time)	Per Shift (Part-time)
(1) A.C.L.S. Course .....	\$10.00	0.06
(2) Special Courses or Introduction to Nursing Management or 6 months post-graduate O.R. course .....	\$15.00	0.09
(3) One year University Diploma .....	\$40.00	0.25
(4) Bachelor's Degree .....	\$80.00	0.49
(5) Master's Degree .....	\$120.00	0.74

These bonuses shall be paid only when, in the **judgement** of the Hospital, the position of the nurse requires the educational qualifications set out above.

3. Sick Leave Provisions

All registered and graduate nurses in the employ of the Hospital as of October 31, 1981, shall be entitled to the following:

- (1) Sick leave under the former plan was accumulated after the first three (3) months of employment for a maximum of one hundred and twenty (120) days.
  - (2) One-half (1/2) of the unused portion of sick leave, up to a maximum of eighty (80) days shall be paid to each nurse who has five (5) years, or more, seniority on voluntary severance of her employment from the Hospital.
4. Nurses in the employ of the Hospital on October 23, 1981, shall be governed by the following seniority clause:
- A nurse on **authorized** leave of absence for less than three (3) months shall be reinstated in her former position or in a position of equivalent status, on return to work, without loss of seniority.
5. Where a casual part-time nurse works on any of the holidays listed in Article 1501 of the full-time Agreement, she shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) her regular

straight time hourly rate for all hours worked on such holiday, subject to the application of Article 14.04 regarding hours worked in addition to the full tour.

6. Thessalon Site

Full seniority shall accumulate while on **WSIB**.

7. Matthews Site

Pursuant to the Inflation Restraint Act the following superior condition is to be continued as part of the compensation Plan and applicable to part-time nurses employed as of October 15, 1982.

Note: Nurses who work on Statutory Holidays are paid at time and one-half at regular straight time hourly rate and a lieu day.

APPENDIX 5 - LOCAL ISSUES

ARTICLE A - RECOGNITION

A-1 The Hospital **recognizes** the Association as the Bargaining Agent for all registered and graduate nurses employed in a nursing capacity by:

**Sault Ste. Marie** General Hospital

**Plummer** Memorial Public Hospital

**Thessalon** Division of the **Plummer** Memorial Public Hospital

Matthews Memorial, Division of the **Plummer** Memorial Public Hospital

Save and except for Nursing Managers, persons above the rank of Nursing Managers and Health Nurses.

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 Hospital and shall remain fully, with the Hospital except as limited by a provision of this Agreement. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the Association acknowledges that it is the exclusive function of the Hospital to:

- (a) maintain order, discipline and efficiency;
- (b) hire, assign, retire, discharge, direct, promote, demote, classify, transfer, lay-off, recall, suspend or otherwise discipline nurses, provided that a claim of discharge or discipline including transfer and demotion without just cause may be the subject of a grievance and dealt with as hereinafter provided;
- (c) determine in the interest of efficient operations and highest standards of service, job rating or classification, the hours of work, work assignment, methods of doing the work and the working establishment for any service;
- (d) determine the number of personnel required, the services to be performed and the methods, procedures and equipment in connection therewith;
- (e) discuss with the Association, make, enforce and alter from time to time reasonable rules and regulations to be observed by the nurses, provided that such rules and regulations shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

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



ARTICLE C - INTERVIEW FOR NEW EMPLOYEES

C-I The Hospital will give an Association representative an opportunity to interview new nurses during the orientation period.

ARTICLE D -ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMITTEES

D-I Full-time and part-time nurses under this Agreement will be represented in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) Nurse Representatives

The Hospital acknowledges the right of the Association to appoint or otherwise select one nurse representative for each nursing unit at all Hospital sites.

(b) Negotiating Committee

A Negotiating Committee comprised of not more than six (6) nurses provided there are not more than two (2) nurses from any unit.

(c) Grievance Committee

A Grievance Committee of not more than five (5) nurses.

(d) Hospital-Association Committee

The Hospital-Association Committee will be composed of five (5) nurses appointed by the Association and five (5) members appointed by the Hospital.

(e) Professional Development Committee

A Professional Development Committee will be comprised of not more than four (4). One of these members will be the Bargaining Unit President or designate.

(f) The Local O.N.A. President and the appropriate Hospital Vice President may sit as **ex officio** on committees noted in b), c) and d) above.

ARTICLE E - SENIORITY LISTS

E-I Seniority lists will be posted semi-annually in January and June.

ARTICLE F - ASSOCIATION BUSINESS LEAVE

F-I Association Leave - Local Business

(a) In making application for leave of absence for Association business, it is understood that the total leave for all nurses affected shall not exceed 200 days in any calendar year.

- (b) The Association will make a written request for such leave at least two (2) weeks in advance and will be given a written reply within five (5) working days after the request is received.
- (c) Provided prior notice is given, a nurse who has a scheduled day off on a day that she is required to attend an Association function will, if she so requests, be granted an additional day off without pay. The original scheduled day off will be treated as a leave of absence for Association business under Article 11.02 of the Central Agreement. Such change shall be scheduled by the nursing manager at a mutually agreeable time and will not result in premium payment.
- (d) In any area, a request for a leave of absence shall be as follows:
  - i) The first Association Business Leave will automatically be granted.
  - ii) If by chance requests for Association leave involve more than one person, the second or third leave would be granted depending on:
    1. Availability of skilled staff for replacement, and
    2. An understanding by the parties that no more than 2/3 of the regular full-time number of staff in the unit concerned shall be away at any time on any kind of leave.

#### F-2 Association Leave - Provincial Committee

A nurse who is elected to a Provincial Committee of the Ontario Nurses' Association shall be granted upon request such leave(s) of absence as she may require to fulfil the duties of her position. Reasonable notice shall be given to the Employer for such leave of absence. 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 elsewhere in this Agreement. During such leave of absence, the nurse's salary and applicable benefits shall be maintained by the Employer and the Association agrees to reimburse the Employer in the amount of the full cost of such salary and applicable benefits.

#### ARTICLE G - SICK LEAVE

- G-1 Nurses shall provide the Hospital with a minimum of six (6) hours' notice, where possible, when cancelling a shift due to sickness or other causes, with the exception of the day tour where as much advance notice as possible will be given.
- G-2 (a) Nurses being off work on sick leave for one (1) to three (3) days shall provide their Nurse Manager or designee with at least eight (8) hours' notice, where possible of intent to return to work.
- (b) Nurses being off work on sick leave for more than three (3) days shall provide their Nurse Manager or designee with at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice where possible of intent to return to work.

- (c) Nurses being off work on sick leave for more than two (2) weeks shall provide their Nurse Manager or designee with at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice where possible of intent to return to work.

ARTICLE H - PAID HOLIDAYS

H-1 The following holidays are the paid holidays referred to in Article 15 of the Agreement:

New Year's Day	August Civic Holiday
3rd Monday in February	Labour Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Victoria Day	Remembrance Day
Second Monday in June	Christmas Day
Canada Day - July 1	Boxing Day

- H-2 Lieu days off shall be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time to be taken thirty (30) days before or ninety (90) days after being earned. Failure to do so will result in the Manager scheduling the lieu day off.
- H-3 Nurses shall be paid for actual hours worked on a paid holiday.
- H-4 The Hospital will make every reasonable attempt for paid holidays to be shared equally amongst the regular part-time nurses in the same unit.
- H-5 Where a regular part-time nurse is scheduled to work a weekend when a paid holiday occurs on the Friday or Monday she will also be scheduled to work the holiday where it is available for part-time replacement. This clause is exclusive of Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

ARTICLE I - VACATIONS

- I-1 (a) The cut off date for determining vacation entitlement is January 1 in any year.
- (b) A Regular Part-time nurse is entitled to vacation time off, without pay, based on length of employment as of January 1st in any year. The amount of time off will be the same as that of a Full-time nurse with the equivalent employment time.
- I-2 (a) Vacation time will be allotted between January 15th and December 15th inclusive.
- (b) When the Hospital institutes a reduction of service in any department that affects staffing patterns, nurses in the affected department will be able to commonly share this time by **utilizing** remaining vacation days if they so desire as is the present practice.
- (c) Vacation lists will be posted January 1st.
- (d) Nurses will indicate their vacation preferences by February 1 st.
- (e) Vacations will then be **finalized** and **reposted** by February 15th.

- (f) Nurses must exercise their seniority rights on their selection prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- (g)
  - i) Vacation lists for full-time will be separate and distinct from part-time and pertain to bargaining unit nurses only.
  - ii) In exercising this right nurses may only choose two (2) weeks during prime time that being defined as June 1<sup>st</sup>, to September 15<sup>th</sup> unless other arrangements are made between the Nurse Manager and the nurse.
  - iii) Under these conditions should prime time be left open the additional weeks will be available on a seniority basis.
- (h) When a nurse transfers to another unit after a vacation schedule has been determined, booked vacation will be accommodated if possible.
- (i) If a nurse should require a cancellation of booked vacation, she will be entitled to do so providing one week's notice is given to the Head Nurse. In the event that this occurs, she will not be entitled to exercise bumping rights.
- (j) Where possible, the Hospital shall endeavour to grant single vacation day requests.
- (k) Where there are extenuating circumstances, a nurse may request from the appropriate Vice President the opportunity to carry over up to five (5) days of vacation to the next vacation year.

I-3 Part-time nurses shall receive vacation pay on their regular **bi-weekly** pay cheque as per Article 16.06.

Vacation monies owing as a result of 16.06 of the central agreement will be paid on the second pay cheque in February following the end of the vacation year.

I-4 A full-time nurse's vacation pay and pay for time worked shall be available to the nurse on the last day to be worked previous to vacation time, provided that the nurse submits in writing to the Nurse Manager a request for vacation pay two (2) weeks prior to vacation time.

#### ARTICLE J - HOURS OF WORK

- J-1 The Hospital operates **24** hours per day, seven days a week.
- J-2 Day shift is **recognized** as the first shift of the day.
- J-3 The Hospital shall continue its current scheduling practice relative to rest periods.
- J-4 If requested by the nurse, the Hospital shall allow the practice of time off with pay in lieu of overtime payment. Unless mutually agreed to do otherwise, such hours will be taken within three pay periods of occurrence or during booked unit closures.

ARTICLE K - SCHEDULING REGULATIONS

- K-I (a) The parties agree to establish Master (cyclic) Rotations.
- (b) Nursing schedules will be posted two (2) weeks in advance of the expiration of the posted schedule and shall cover an eight (8) week period.
- (c) Request for Tour Changes
- A nurse must give the Hospital, in writing, at least 24 hours notice of intent to exchange a shift together with an undertaking signed by the nurse willing to accept such exchange. Shift exchanges involving one or more part-time nurse(s) must be exchanged within the same four (4) week period. Shift exchanges involving extended tours and 7.5 hour tours may be allowed. Nurses may be allowed to exchange 12 hour tours resulting in a 2D/2N schedule. Such exchange in tours will not result in premium payment and is subject to the approval of the hospital.
- (d) Time Off at Christmas or New Year's
- i) It is understood it may be necessary to waive the master rotation between December 15 to January 15.
- ii) The Hospital will endeavour to provide a minimum of five (5) consecutive days off either at Christmas or New Years. For the purpose of this article, "Christmas" shall be defined as December 24, 25, and 26 and "New Year's" shall be defined as December 31 and January 1.
- iii) The Christmas schedule will be posted by November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- (e) An agreement by a nurse to do additional tours or change tours as requested by the Hospital is not to be construed to be a waiver of premium pay where applicable.
- (f) A nurse on permanent evening or night shift will twice a year spend two (2) weeks on day shift at a mutually agreeable time. These intervals will be at least three to four months apart.
- (g) The Hospital shall endeavour to equally distribute standby duty amongst nurses who normally perform such duty, on a rotating basis.
- (h) A tour of duty may only be scheduled with the hours of work running consecutively.
- (i) The Hospital shall endeavour to equitably distribute standby duty for paid holidays and long weekends on a rotating basis.
- (j) Casual nurses shall not be pre-booked unless there are no regular part-time nurses available at straight time.
- (k) A part-time nurse scheduled off on a holiday weekend shall have the paid holiday included with her weekend off.

- (l) All available part-time day tours shall be equally distributed when an eight (8) week schedule is posted. However, if Saturday and Sunday day tours are available, there will be no obligation to assign the days to more than one (1) nurse provided that:
  - i) no individual nurse exceeds her commitment when, as a result, there is any nurse who has not reached commitment.
  - ii) day tours on a Saturday/Sunday of a weekend will be scheduled by rotation based on seniority.

## K-2 7½ Hour Tours

- (a) A nurse will not be scheduled to work more than seven (7) consecutive days without receiving two (2) consecutive days off or premium payment shall be paid.
- (b)
  - i) A full-time nurse shall not be required to commence work within 16 hours of completing a scheduled tour or premium payment shall be paid.
  - ii) A part-time nurse shall not be required to commence work within 12 hours of completing a scheduled tour or premium payment shall be paid.
- (c) A full-time nurse who normally rotates on shifts shall not be scheduled to work more than two (2) consecutive weeks on any one shift without her consent.
- (d) At least fifty percent (50%) of the full-time nurse's tours shall be on the day shift or premium payment shall be paid.
- (e) Weekends Off
  - i) The Hospital will grant at least every second weekend off.
  - ii) A Full Time nurse will receive premium pay as outlined in the contract for all hours worked on a second consecutive and subsequent consecutive weekend, save and except where:
    - (1) such weekend has been worked by the nurse to satisfy specific days off requested by such nurse; or
    - (2) such nurse has submitted in advance to the Nurse Manager a request for weekend work only and such request has prior approval of the Nurse Manager. The request will also contain the duration of the weekend work.
    - (3) such weekend is worked as the result of an exchange of shifts with another nurse.
  - iii) A Part Time nurse will receive premium pay as outlined in the contract for all hours worked on a second consecutive weekend save and except where:

- (1) such weekend has been worked by the nurse to satisfy specific days off requested by such nurse; or
- (2) such nurse has submitted in advance to the Nurse Manager a request for weekend work only and such request has prior approval of the Nurse Manager. The request will also contain the duration of the weekend work.
- (3) such weekend is worked as the result of an exchange of shifts with another nurse.
- (4) In the event that a casual part-time nurse is called in for weekend work due to the unavailability of part-time staff at a straight time hourly rate, such weekends will not be subject to premium pay save and except the fourth consecutive weekend worked.

iv) Definition of a Weekend Off

A weekend off is defined as at least fifty-six (**56**) consecutive hours off work from the completion of the Friday shift until the beginning of the Monday day shift.

K-3 11.25 Hour Tours

(a) Introduction

Extended tours shall be introduced into any unit when:

- i) sixty percent (**60%**) of the nurses in the unit so indicate by secret ballot; and
- ii) the Hospital agrees to implement extended tours. Such agreement shall not be withheld in an unreasonable or arbitrary manner.

(b) Discontinuation

Extended tours may be discontinued in any unit when:

- i) sixty percent (**60%**) of the nurses in the unit indicate by secret ballot; or
- ii) the Hospital, because of:
  - (1) adverse effects on patient care,
  - (2) inability to provide a workable staffing schedule,
  - (3) where the Hospital wishes to do so for other reasons which are neither unreasonable nor arbitrary,

states its intention to discontinue the extended tours in the schedule.

- iii) When notice of discontinuation is given by either the Association or the hospital in accordance with paragraph (b) above, then
  - (1) the parties shall meet within two (2) weeks of the giving of notice to review the request for discontinuation; and
  - (2) where it is determined that the extended tours will be discontinued, affected nurses shall be given sixty (60) days notice before the schedules are so amended.
- (c) Nurses shall not be required to work more than three (3) consecutive tours or two (2) extended day tours followed by two (2) extended night tours (Day, Day, Night, Night) or premium payment shall be paid. After three (3) consecutive tours or two (2) extended day tours followed by two (2) extended night tours (Day, Day, Night, Night) nurses shall have at least two (2) days off in a row or premium payment shall be paid.
- (d) The introduction of 2D/2N (Day, Day, Night, Night) into a schedule will be implemented when sixty percent (60%) of the unit staff vote in favour by secret ballot.
- (e) Weekends Off
  - i) Nurses shall have every second weekend off.
  - ii) A Full Time nurse will receive premium pay as outlined in the contract for all hours worked on a second consecutive and subsequent consecutive weekend, save and except where:
    - (1) such weekend has been worked by the nurse to satisfy specific days off requested by such nurse; or
    - (2) such nurse has submitted in advance to the Nurse Manager a request for weekend work only and such request has prior approval of the Nurse Manager. The request will also contain the duration of the weekend work.
    - (3) such weekend is worked as the result of an exchange of shifts with another nurse.
  - iii) A **Part** Time nurse will receive premium pay as outlined in the contract for all hours worked on a second consecutive weekend save and except where:
    - (1) such weekend has been worked by the nurse to satisfy specific days off requested by such nurse; or
    - (2) such nurse has submitted in advance to the Nurse Manager a request for weekend work only and such request has prior approval of the Nurse Manager. The request will also contain the duration of the weekend work.



(3) such weekend is worked as the result of an exchange of shifts with another nurse.

(4) In the event that a casual nurse is called in for weekend work due to the unavailability of part-time staff at the straight time hourly rate, such weekends will not be subject to premium pay save and except the fourth consecutive weekend worked.

iv) Definition of a Weekend Off

A weekend off is defined as at least sixty (60) consecutive hours off work from the completion of the Friday day shift until the beginning of the Monday day shift.

(f) At least fifty percent (50%) of a full-time nurse's tours will be day tours or premium payment shall be paid.

(g) A nurse shall not be required to commence work within twelve (12) hours of completing a scheduled tour or premium payment shall be paid on the next tour she is required to work.

(h) The Hospital will schedule part-time nurses with forty-eight (48) hours off after two (2) or more scheduled night shifts on the posted schedule at the time of initial posting or premium pay shall be paid.

K-4 Four-Hour Tours

No part-time nurse will be required to work four (4) hour tours without their consent.

K-5 Where the hospital or a nurse wishes to work shifts other than those outlined in Article 13, the parties will endeavour to agree on the terms to be negotiated, including implementation, trial period and discontinuation.

K-6 A regular part-time nurse must agree to work a **pre-determined** schedule and her commitment will include:

(a) to be available to work twelve (12) months a year, subject to the vacation language outlined in the Collective Agreement.

(b) to be available to work four (4) 7½ hour tours or three (3) 11¼ hour tours per pay period.

(c) to be available to work every second weekend

(d) to be available to work three (3) shifts (ie: days, evenings, nights)

(e) to be available to work four (4) statutory holidays in one year, in addition to Christmas or New Year.

For the purpose of the above, **pre-determined** is understood to mean booked on the posted schedule.

- K-7 (a) The Hospital shall assign available shifts, on an equitable basis, to regular **part-time** nurses up to their commitment on the posted scheduled on each unit.
- (b) If weekend tours are available, there will be no obligation to assign the tours to more than one nurse. If as a result of assigning the weekend tours to one nurse, the nurse will exceed the number of tours under equal distribution, the most senior part-time nurse will be assigned to those tours. As much as possible, weekend tours will be equally distributed.
- For purposes of this Article, a weekend tour will be defined in Article K-2 (e) iv and K-3 (e) iv.
- (c) Extra or uncovered shifts will continue to be offered to any regular part-time nurses who have not been **pre-scheduled** to their commitment.
- (d) Once all regular part-time nurses have been given the opportunity to work up to their committed tours, extra tours will then be offered to regular part-time nurses on the basis of seniority until the senior regular part-time nurse has the number of tours she wishes or is in an overtime position. The remaining available tours will be offered to the next senior regular part-time nurse in the same manner and so on.
- (e) Where no regular part-time nurse is willing to **perform** the available work, the tour will be offered to casual part-time nurses.

#### K-8 Self-Scheduling

- (a) Self-scheduling will be introduced into any unit when:
- i) ninety percent (**90%**) of the nurses in the unit so indicated by secret ballot. The secret ballot vote will be conducted by the Association and reported to the Unit Manager; and
  - ii) the Hospital agrees to implement self-scheduling.
- (b) Self-scheduling shall be guided by the following principles:
- i) Employees participating in self-scheduling will be responsible for scheduling their paid holidays and lieu days.
  - ii) The Unit Manager will review and approve the schedules to ensure that adequate coverage is maintained. Such approval will not be unreasonably withheld.
  - iii) All other provisions of the collective agreement shall apply to the **self-scheduling** nurse.
  - iv) A subsequent vote will not be repeated unless six (**6**) months has elapsed from the date of the initial vote.
  - v) Self-scheduling introduced on any unit must continue for a minimum of six (**6**) months before another vote can be taken.

- (c) Self-scheduling may be discontinued in any unit when:
  - i) Seventy-five percent (75%) of the nurses in the unit so indicate by secret ballot; or
  - ii) If, at any point, the Hospital because of:
    - A) adverse effect on patient care, or
    - B) inability to provide a workable staffing schedule or
    - C) where the Hospital wishes to do so for other reasons which are neither unreasonable nor arbitrary.
- (d) When notice of discontinuation is given by either party, in accordance with (c) above, then:
  - i) the parties will meet within two (2) weeks of the notice to review the discontinuation; and
  - ii) Where it is determined that self-scheduling will be discontinued, affected nurses will be given thirty (30) days notice and the schedules will not be amended until the beginning of the next posted schedule after the notice period.

## ARTICLE L - GENERAL

### L-1 Bulletin Boards

- (a) The Association will post on designated bulletin boards notices of appropriate Association affairs and activities signed by a member of the Local Association Executive.
- (b) The Hospital will provide a box on this bulletin board for the purpose of distribution of **ONA** literature at each site.
- (c) In addition, the Hospital will provide, for the Association's use, a mail box capable of being locked at each site.

### L-2 Pay Days

- (a) It is mutually agreed that nurses shall be paid **bi-weekly**. Regular pay days shall be every second Friday.
- (b) Payment shall be made by deposit to the account of the nurse in a bank or financial institution of the nurse's choice.
- (c) Each nurse on pay day shall receive in a sealed envelope a statement of earnings showing gross earnings, sick leave accumulations, all deductions, net earnings, and vacation bank.
- (d) In the case of an error in the calculation of the employee's statement of earnings, the employer shall, upon request of the nurse, provide the nurse with a makeup

cheque no later than three (3) working days following, providing the makeup cheque is equivalent of one or more 7.5 hour tours.

**L-3 Malpractice and Professional Liability Insurance**

The Hospital agrees to maintain Corporation insurance to cover nurses in the event of any legal action brought against the nurse or nurses in the course of employment with the Hospital.

**L-4 Standby**

Nurses required to be on standby, will be provided with a beeper system paid by the Hospital.

**L-5 Parking**

In the event the Hospital increases the parking rate to the public, the Hospital shall for the January following the increase, offer staff parking cards with the annual rate established as follows:

Full Time - public rate x  $66 \frac{2}{3}$  x 200 (rounded to the closest \$5.00)

Part Time - public rate x  $66 \frac{2}{3}$  x 130 (rounded to the closest \$5.00)

**L-6** Full-time workers may apply for temporary full-time vacancies in accordance with Article 10.06 (d). The Hospital reserves the right to consider such applications on an individual basis. Such moves will not be unreasonably denied.

**ARTICLE M - PRE-PAID LEAVE**

- M-I (a) The Hospital agrees to approve the application of one (1) full-time and one (1) part-time nurse per unit annually for the **Pre-paid** Leave Plan in accordance with the conditions of the Central Agreement.
- (b) At any given time, there will be only one (1) full-time and one (1) part-time nurse off per unit on the **Pre-paid** Leave Plan.

**ARTICLE N - JOB SHARING**

- N-I If the Hospital agrees to a job-sharing agreement pursuant to Article 20.01 of the Central Agreement, the following conditions shall apply:
- (a) Job sharing requests with regard to full-time positions shall be considered on an individual basis.
- (b) Total hours worked by the job sharer shall equal one (1) full-time position. The division of these hours on the schedule shall be determined by mutual agreement between the two (2) nurses and the Nurse Manager involved.

- (c) The above schedules shall conform with the scheduling provisions of the Full-time Collective Agreement.
- (d) Each job sharing arrangement will be allowed a trial period of sixty (60) combined shifts for the parties to assess suitability, after which period their arrangement is fixed. After the trial period it is understood that nurses may only exit from a job sharing arrangement either by resignation or by being the successful applicant to a posted vacancy.
- (e) Each job sharer may exchange shifts with her partner, as well as with other nurses as provided by the Collective Agreement.
- (f) The job sharers involved will have the right to determine which partner works on scheduled paid holidays and job sharers shall only be required to work the number of paid holidays that a full-time nurse would be required to work.
- (g) **Coverage:**
  - i) It is expected that both job sharers will cover each other's incidental illnesses. If, because of unavoidable circumstances, one cannot cover the other, the Nurse Manager must be notified to book coverage. Job sharers are not required to cover for their partner in the case of prolonged or extended absences.
  - ii) In the event that one member of the job-sharing arrangement goes on vacation or any leaves of absence, the coverage will be negotiated with the Nurse Manager, but it is hoped that the remaining member of the position would be prepared to cover the leave of absence as much as possible.
- (h) Additional tours that become available will be offered to Job Sharers only after all regular part-time nurses on that unit have been offered the work.
- (i) **Implementation**
  - i) Where the job sharing arrangement arises out of the filling of a vacant full-time position, both job-sharing positions will be posted and selection will be based on the criteria set out in the Collective Agreement.
  - ii) Any incumbent full-time nurse wishing to share her position, may do so without having her half of the position posted. The other half of the job-sharing position will be posted and selection will be made on the criteria set out in the Collective Agreement.
  - iii) If one of the job sharers leaves the arrangement, her position will be posted. If there is no successful applicant to the posted position, the remaining nurse will revert to her former position. If the remaining nurse was previously part-time, then the shared position would revert to a full-time position and be posted according to the Collective Agreement.



LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

Between:

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION

And:

SAULT AREA HOSPITALS

**RE: Commitment and Shift Exchanges**

The Parties agree that the following conditions will apply to the regular part-time nurses working at the **Sault** Area Hospitals.

The terms and conditions contained herein will apply for the term of the collective agreement that is currently being negotiated. At the end of that time, this Letter of Understanding is null and void.

- 1) The commitment will be changed to reflect that a part-time nurse can be scheduled for up to twelve (12) - 7.5 hour tours or eight (8) 11.25 hour tours or the equivalent per four (4) week period.
- 2) Notwithstanding that the commitment is over a four (4) week period, the employer will endeavour to schedule up to forty-five (45) hours per pay period on the posted schedule unless it is necessary to do otherwise in order to meet the nurse's commitment.
- 3) An exchange of tours will be allowed within the four (4) week commitment period.
- 4) This letter of understanding will be attached to the collective agreement and may be enforced through the grievance procedure in the collective agreement.

A meeting may be scheduled between the Parties three (3) months after the commencement of the trial to review the terms and conditions outlined above. In addition, a meeting may be called by either Party as circumstances warrant to **re-negotiate** any necessary changes.

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DATED AT SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF February, 2001.

FOR THE EMPLOYER

*Tom Piazza*  
*[Signature]*  
*Currier*  
   
 

FOR THE ASSOCIATION

*[Signature]*  
Labour Relations Officer  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
*Pam Mancuso*  
*Claudette McFarley*



LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

Between:

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION

And:

SAULT AREA HOSPITALS

**RE: Standby Guidelines**

The Parties agree that the following conditions will apply to all nurses working at the **Sault** Area Hospitals.

The terms and conditions contained herein will apply for the term of the collective agreement. At the end of the term of the agreement, this letter of understanding becomes null and void.

1. a) The Hospital will notify the Local President or designate prior to initiating ongoing standby assignments on any unit.
- b) The Hospital shall endeavour to schedule standby assignments equitably, amongst nurses in any unit **utilizing** standby on a rotating basis.
2. Standby shall be assigned on the schedule at the time of posting.
3. A full-time and part-time nurse will not be scheduled for standby on a scheduled weekend off or on a scheduled day off for full-time only.
4. Nurses scheduled for standby shall be provided with beepers.
5. The Hospital shall endeavour to equitably distribute standby duty for paid holidays and long weekends on a rotating basis.

A meeting may be scheduled between the parties three **(3)** months **after** the commencement of this agreement to review the terms and conditions outlined above. In addition, a meeting may be called by either party as circumstances warrant to **re-negotiate** any necessary changes.

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DATED AT SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF February, 2001.

FOR THE EMPLOYER

*Tom Piazza*  
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*Glenda Hupfy*  
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LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Between:

SAULT AREA HOSPITALS

And:

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION

**RE: 10 Hour Tours**

The parties have agreed to the following terms for implementation of ten hour tours:

The Hospital will agree to implement a rotation of ten (10) hour tours in a Unit when:

- (1) Sixty percent (60%) of the nurses in the Unit so indicated by secret ballot; and
- (2) The Hospital and the Association agree to implement the ten (10) hour rotation. Such agreement shall not be withheld in an unreasonable or arbitrary manner,

The ten (10) hour tours may be discontinued in the Unit(s) when sixty percent (60%) of the nurses in the Unit so indicated by secret ballot.

When notice of discontinuation is given by either party in accordance with the above, then:

- (1) the parties shall meet within two (2) weeks of giving notice to review the request for the discontinuation; and
- (2) when it is determined that the ten (10) hour tour will be discontinued, affected nurses shall be given six (6) weeks' notice before the schedules are so amended.

The parties agree that all the terms of the Collective Agreement, as outlined in the Central Document and Local Provisions shall apply, save and except those provisions modified by this Letter of Agreement.

The current Collective Agreement shall be amended to specifically reflect the ten (10) hour tour as follows:

- (1) Hours of Work
  - (a) For nurses working ten (10) hour tours, a regular tour shall be 9.375 consecutive hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period, exclusive of a total of the thirty-seven and one-half (37½) minutes unpaid meal time.

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(b) Nurses shall be entitled, subject to the exigencies of patient care, to relief periods during the tour of a total of thirty-seven and one-half (**37½**) minutes.

(2) **Paid Holidays**

(a) A nurse working the ten (**10**) hour tour shall be paid as per Article **15**, noting that nurse is working ten (**10**) hours shall receive twelve (**12**) days off to consist of seven and one-half (**7.5**) hours each.

(b) It is understood that full-time nurses working in the **pre-** and post-pat-turn clinic and the combined care unit shall be scheduled to work **1950** hours in a year.

(3) **Vacations**

Vacation entitlement for nurses working ten (**10**) hour tours shall be converted as follows:

Current Week Entitlement	Working Days off	Equivalent Paid Hours
3	<b>12</b>	<b>112.5</b>
4	<b>16</b>	<b>150.0</b>
5	<b>20</b>	<b>187.5</b>
6	<b>24</b>	<b>225.0</b>

(4) **Scheduling Objectives**

The following scheduling objectives contained in the Collective Agreement shall apply to all nurses working ten (**10**) hour tours as follows:

(a) Nurses shall not be scheduled to work more than four (**4**) consecutive **9.375** hour tours. Should a nurse work more than four (**4**) consecutive tours, she shall be paid in accordance with Article **14.03** for all hours worked on the fifth (**5th**) and subsequent tours until time off is scheduled.

(b) At least **14.625** hours time off will be scheduled between tours.

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- (c)
  - I. Every second (2nd) weekend will be scheduled off unless otherwise agreed upon between the Hospital and the individual nurse.
  - II. A nurse will receive premium pay in accordance with Article 14.03 for all hours worked on a second (2nd) consecutive weekend and subsequent weekend save and except where:
    - 1. such weekend has been worked by the nurse to satisfy specific days off requested by such nurse; or
    - 2. such nurse has submitted in advance to the Nurse Manager a request for weekend work only and such request has prior approval of the Nurse Manager. The request will also contain the duration of the weekend work; or
    - 3. such weekend is worked as a result of an exchange of shifts with another nurse.
- (d) Master schedules will be posted two (2) weeks in advance for an eight (8) week period.
- (e) It is understood that it may be necessary to waive the master rotation between December 15 and January 15. The Hospital will endeavour to provide a minimum of five (5) consecutive days off either at Christmas or New Years. Christmas shall be defined as December 24, 25, 26 and New Years' shall be defined as December 31 and January 1.
- (f) A nurse must give the Hospital in writing at least twenty-four (24) hours notice of intent to exchange a shift together with an undertaking signed by the nurse willing to accept such exchange. Such exchange in tours will not result in premium payment and is subject to the approval of the Hospital.

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(5) Probationary Period

The probationary period for nurses working ten (10) hour tours shall consist of fifty-six (56) tours worked, which shall consist of 9.375 paid hours.

DATED AT SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF February, 2001.

FOR THE EMPLOYER

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FOR THE ASSOCIATION

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

Between:

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION

And:

SAULT AREA HOSPITALS

RE: 4-Hour Tours - Renal Clinic

This Letter of Understanding is attached to and forms part of this collective agreement.

1. Part-time nurses may be scheduled to work a four (4) hour tour in the Renal (Nephrology) Clinic and Article K-4 in the appendices of local issues will not apply to the part-time nurses in the Renal Clinic (Nephrology) for the duration of this Letter of Understanding.
2. Where a regular part-time nurse is scheduled to work a four (4) hour tour, Article K in its entirety will apply except as amended by the following:
  - (a) Where a 7.5 or 11.25 hour tour becomes available after the posting of the schedule, such tours will be offered by seniority to regular part-time nurses who have not yet reached their commitment whether or not these nurses are scheduled for a four (4) hour tour on that day. If the nurse agrees to the change of tour in this circumstance, Article 14.12 (ii) will not apply.
  - (b) Once all regular part-time employees have reached their commitment, additional tours of 7.5 or 11.25 hours will be offered to regular part-time employees on the basis of seniority, whether or not they are scheduled on four (4) hour tours. If the nurse agrees to the change of tour in this circumstance, Article 14.12 (ii) will not apply.
  - (c) The Hospital is not obligated to offer any tours in this manner where premium payment is required, unless the premium would be applicable to all part-time employees involved.
  - (d) The employer will endeavour to keep the number of four (4) hour tours to a minimum.
  - (e) Nurses working tours comprising of four (4) hours shall not be scheduled to work more than five (5) consecutive tours.

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- (f) If a nurse who is working a four (4) hour tour is asked to work past the end of the four (4) hour tour, there shall be no obligation on the part of the nurse to agree and the number of additional hours, i.e., 3.75 or 7.5, will be clearly stated at the time that the nurse is requested to work additional hours.

A meeting may be scheduled between the parties six (6) months after the commencement of this agreement to review the terms and conditions outlined above. In addition, a meeting may be called by either party as circumstances warrant to **re-negotiate** any changes necessary.

DATED AT SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF February, 2001.

FOR THE EMPLOYER

*Sean Piazza*  
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FOR THE ASSOCIATION

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

Between:

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION

And:

SAULT AREA HOSPITALS

RE: Shift Distribution Errors

The parties agree that the following conditions will apply to all nurses working at the **Sault** Area Hospitals:

1. Where a nurse is not called in for a tour in accordance with the collective agreement, has been disadvantaged by such action and does not have an opportunity to become aware of the scheduling error prior to the missed shift being worked, the unit manager will proceed as follows:
  - i) Schedule on the subsequent time sheet one "extra" shift. For the purpose of this agreement, an "extra" shift is defined as a shift, which is in addition to the shifts scheduled to provide the regular staffing complement and will not be counted towards the nurse's commitment.
  - ii) Such shift will be in addition to the nurse's regular schedule.
  - iii) For part-time nurses, scheduling of the extra shift will be mutually agreed and scheduled before the expiration of the next posted schedule. The tour will be paid at the straight-time hourly rate or the applicable over-time rate if the shift missed was at premium.
  - iv) For full-time nurses, scheduling of the extra shift will be mutually agreed upon by the unit manager and the nurse and the tour will be paid at the premium rate (1.5 times the regular hourly rate).
  - v) When a nurse is scheduled to work an extra shift and a staffing deficiency subsequently arises for that shift which requires a replacement, the Hospital will replace that available shift according to Article K-7, unless that deficiency is a result of a sick call or request for unpaid leave of absence that occurs less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the beginning of the extra shift.
  - vi) Notwithstanding (v) above, the Hospital may also follow its usual practice in reassigning an available nurse, including but not necessarily the extra nurse, providing that the nurse is qualified to perform the available work.

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Between:

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION

And:

SAULT AREA HOSPITALS

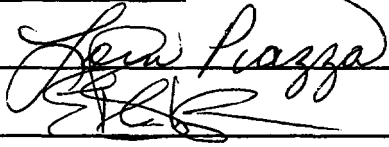
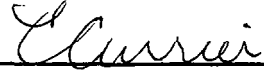
RE: Definition of a Dayshift

This Letter of Understanding is attached to and forms part of this collective agreement.

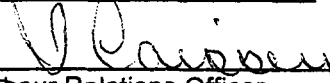
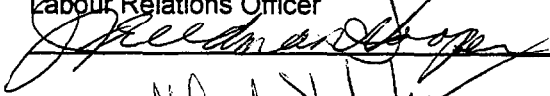
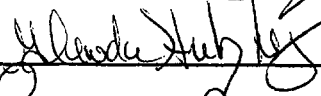
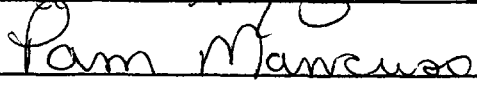
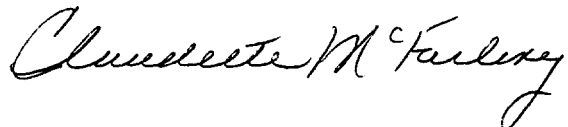
1. Day shift will be defined as any shift where the bulk of the hours fall prior to **1500** hours and therefore, could commence any time prior to **1100** hours.
2. For the purposes of a single shift lay-off on a day shift, a nurse may displace the least senior nurse whose work she/he is able to perform on a tour that falls within the definition of a day shift, providing that the number of hours is the same and the tour is on the same day as the lay-off.
3. Where there is a change in the schedule from one day shift to another day shift commencing at different start times on the same day, the change will not be considered a change in schedule as defined under Article **14.12**. If the nurse is advised of the change and unable to accept it due to extenuating circumstances and the Hospital unilaterally changes the start time, premium pay would be applicable if the change is made with insufficient notice as per Article **14.12**.
4. Should issues arise flowing from the above, either party may request a meeting to discuss the matter and if resolution is not achieved, reserves the right to withdraw from this Letter of Understanding with thirty (**30**) days notice.

DATED AT SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF February, 2001.

FOR THE EMPLOYER

  
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FOR THE ASSOCIATION

  
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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

Between:

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION

And:

SAULT AREA HOSPITALS

**RE: Payment for Bargaining Unit President**

The parties agree to the following:

It may become necessary for the Hospital management to meet with the Bargaining Unit President to discuss matters arising out of the administration of the collective agreement as well as other labour-management issues.

Where the Hospital requests such meetings and the meetings are scheduled outside of the President's scheduled hours of work, then the Hospital will compensate the President for time spent at such meetings. Such compensation shall be in the form of payment at the President's straight-time hourly rate. Such payment, however, shall not exceed a cumulative total of fifteen (15) hours per month.

To qualify for such payment, the President will submit at the end of each month, a record of the times and dates of these meetings to the Manager, Human Resources. Payment will be issued on the President's next payroll cheque, subject to all applicable taxes.

Notwithstanding the above, the President may, at the time of submitting the monthly record, request time off in lieu of payment. Such request will be considered by the Manager, Human Resources and the President's Unit Manager. If approved, then the Unit Manager and the President will mutually agree on when the time will be taken.

The provisions of this letter shall become effective as of January 1, 2001.

DATED AT SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF February, 2001.

**FOR THE EMPLOYER**

*Sam Piazza*  
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