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COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

between

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

and

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

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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.

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 Provincial Secretary-Treasurer 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 Provincial

Secretary-Treasurer 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 (indicating terminations) and additions from the preceding month. A copy of this list will be sent to the local Association. If the hospital agrees to provide the union with the information in an electronic format, the parties will meet to discuss the format in which the information will be set out.

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

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

## ARTICLE 6 - REPRESENTATION AND COMMITTEES

### 6.01 Nurse Representatives & Grievance Committee

- (a) The Hospital agrees to recognize Union 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.

## 6.02 Hospital-Association Committee

- (a) There shall be a Hospital-Association Committee comprised of representatives of the Hospital, one of whom shall be the Director of Nursing or designate and of the Association, one of whom shall be the Local 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) dealing with complaints referred to it in accordance with the provisions of Article 8, Professional Responsibility;
  - iii) discussing and reviewing matters relating to orientation and in-service programs.
- (d) The Hospital agrees to pay for time spent during regular working hours for representatives of the Association attending at such meetings.

## 6.03 (a) Negotiating Committee

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

(b) Central Negotiating Team

In central bargaining between the Ontario Nurses' Association and the Participating Hospitals, a nurse serving on the Association's Central Negotiating Team shall be paid for time lost from the nurse's regularly scheduled straighttime 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.

6.04 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.
- (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) **(I)** "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.

- 6.05 The Association may hold meetings on Hospital premises providing permission has been first obtained from the Hospital.
- 6.06 The Association shall keep the Hospital notified in writing of the names of the 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.
- 6.07 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.
- 6.08 The Hospital agrees to give representatives of the Ontario Nurses' Association access to the premises of the Hospital for the purpose of attending grievance meetings or otherwise assisting in the administration of this Agreement, provided prior arrangements are made with the Administrator. Such representatives shall have access to the premises only with the approval of the Administrator which will not be unreasonably withheld.

5.09 Where a nurse makes prior arrangements for time off from a tour of duty, the nurse shall not be scheduled to work another tour that day.

6.10 Nurses who are members of committees pursuant to Regulation 518 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.

7.03 It is the mutual desire of the parties hereto that complaints of nurses shall be adjusted as quickly as possible, and it is understood that a nurse has no grievance until she 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 and failing settlement within nine (9) calendar days, it shall then be taken up as a grievance within nine (9) calendar days following advice of the immediate supervisor's decision in the following manner and sequence:

### Step No. 1

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

### Step No. 3

Within nine (9) calendar days following the decision in Step No. 2, the grievance may be submitted in writing to the Hospital Administrator or 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 No. 3 unless extended by agreement of the parties. It is understood and agreed that a representative of the Ontario Nurses' Association and the grievor may be present at the meeting. It is further understood that the Hospital Administrator or 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 third step grievance reply will be provided to the Employment 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. 3 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 Local 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 Director of Nursing 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. 2 and the applicable provisions of this Article shall then apply with respect to the processing of such grievance.
- 7.06 The release of a probationary nurse 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 3 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. 3 within seven (7) calendar days after the date the discharge or suspension is effected. Such special grievance may be settled under the Grievance or Arbitration Procedure by:

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

7.07 Failing settlement under the foregoing procedure of any grievance between the parties arising from the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of this Agreement, including any question as to whether a matter is arbitrable, such grievance may be submitted to arbitration as hereinafter provided. If no written request for arbitration is received within thirty-six (36) calendar days after the decision under Step No. 3 is given, the grievance shall be deemed to have been abandoned, Where such a written request is postmarked within thirty-four (34) calendar days after the decision under Step No. 3, it will be deemed to have been received within the time limits.

7.08 All agreements reached under the grievance procedure between the representatives of the Hospital and the representatives of the Association will be final and binding upon the Hospital and the Association and the nurses.

7.09 Association grievances shall be on the form set out in Appendix 1

- 7.10 The time prior to referral to arbitration may be utilized by the Association and/or the Hospital to suggest and possibly agree to a dispute resolution mechanism other than a three person Board of Arbitration, including the possibility of utilizing a sole arbitrator in cases where the parties agree that nominees are not necessary, and either party may request the appointment of a mediator other than in matters pertaining to the interpretation of central collective agreement language.
- In matters pertaining to the interpretation of central collective agreement language, either party may refer the matter to the central parties for review. The central parties will make recommendations to their respective local parties with respect to the case. The central parties may be accompanied by representatives of the Hospital or the local Association at any meeting held to review such grievances.
- When either party requests that any matter be submitted to arbitration as provided in the foregoing Articles, it shall make such request in writing addressed to the other party to this Agreement. Unless a sole arbitrator has been required prior to the time for submitting the matter to arbitration, then the party requesting arbitration shall, at the same time, name a nominee and within seven (7) calendar days thereafter the other party shall name a nominee, provided, however, that if such party fails to name a nominee as herein required, the Minister of Labour for the Province of Ontario shall have power to effect such appointment upon application thereto by the party invoking the arbitration procedure. The two nominees, 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.
- 7.11 No person may be appointed as an arbitrator who has been involved in an attempt to negotiate or settle the grievance. Once appointed the parties may agree that the Arbitrator shall have all the powers set out in Section 50 of the Labour Relations Act including the power to mediate/arbitrate the grievance, the power 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 Wherever the Arbitration Board ~~is~~ referred to in the Agreement, the parties may mutually agree in writing to substitute a single Arbitrator for the Arbitration Board at the time of reference to arbitration and the other provisions referring to the Arbitration Board shall appropriately apply.

#### ARTICLE 8 - PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

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

- 8.01 In the event that the Hospital assigns a number of patients or a workload to an individual nurse or group of nurses such that 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) 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)(ii),(iii),(iv) and (v) and 8.01(b) applies to nurses only)

- ii) 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

- iii) The Assessment Committee shall set a date to conduct a hearing into the complaint within fourteen (14) calendar days of its appointment and shall be empowered to investigate as is necessary and make what findings as are appropriate in the circumstances. The Assessment Committee shall report its findings, in writing, to the parties within thirty (30) calendar days following completion of its hearing.
  - iv) It is understood and agreed that representatives of the Ontario Nurses' Association, including the Employment Relations Officer and the Nursing Practice Officer, may attend meetings held between the Hospital and the Association under this provision.
  - v) 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 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.

- 8.03 (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 8.02, 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.
- 8.04 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.
- 8.05 Both the Hospital and the Association recognize their joint responsibility and commitment to provide, and to participate in, in-service education. The Association supports the principle of its members' responsibility for their own professional development and the Hospital will endeavour to provide 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.
- 8.06 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.
- 8.07 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.
- 8.08 Nurses may be required, as part of their regular duties, to supervise the activities of students and will be informed in writing of their responsibilities in relation to these students. Nurses may also be required, as part of their regular duties, to act as preceptors to other nurses.
- 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.
- 8.09 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 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.
- 8.10 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.
- 8.11 (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 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 nurses 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.

#### ARTICLE 9 - ACCESS TO FILES

9.01 A copy of any completed evaluation which is *to* be placed in a nurse's file shall be first reviewed with the nurse. The nurse shall initial such evaluation **as** having been read **and** shall have the opportunity to add her 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.

9.02 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.

#### ARTICLE 10 - SENIORITY

10.01 (a) Newly hired nurses shall be considered to **be** on probation for a period of sixty (60) tours worked from date of last hire (450 hours *of* work for nurses whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day). If retained after the probationary period, the 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 sixty tours (450 hours) worked. With the written consent of the Hospital, the probationary nurse and the 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 fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the expected date of expiration of the initial probationary period. It is understood and agreed that any extension to the probationary period will not exceed an additional sixty (60) tours (450 hours) worked and, where requested, the Hospital will advise the nurse and the Association of the basis of such extension.

- (b) A nurse who transfers from casual or regular part-time to full-time status shall not be required to serve a probationary period where 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 nurse 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 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**).

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.

Notwithstanding this provision, seniority shall accrue for a period of one year 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**.

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 thirty (30) tours (225 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,
- (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.

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

10.07

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

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

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

- (b) A "short-term layoff" shall mean

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

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

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

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

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

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

- i) Any agreement between the Hospital and the Association concerning the method of implementation of a layoff shall take precedence over the terms of this article. The unavailability of a representative of the Association shall not delay any meeting regarding layoffs or staff reductions.
- ii) Where a vacancy occurs in a position following a layoff hereunder as a result of which a nurse has been transferred to another position, the affected nurse will be offered the opportunity to return to her or his former position providing such vacancy occurs within six (6) months of the date of layoff. Where the nurse returns to her or his former position there shall be no obligation to consider the vacancy under Article 10.06. Where the nurse refuses the opportunity to return to her or his former position the nurse shall advise the Hospital in writing.
- iii) No reduction in the hours of work shall take place to prevent or reduce the impact of a layoff without the consent of the Association.
- iv) **All** regular part-time and full-time nurses represented by the Association who are on layoff will be given a job opportunity in the full-time and regular part-time categories before any new nurse is hired into either category.  
  
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.

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 or occasional 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 or occasional 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 one (1) year shall, subject to (d) below, 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.
  - (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) In the case of nurses who are employed by the Hospital in a position outside of the bargaining unit as at May 1, 1994, such nurses shall be credited with seniority held at the time of transfer and resume accumulation from the date of their return to the bargaining unit if such return occurs prior to April 30, 1997.
  - (d) In the event that a nurse is transferred out of the bargaining unit

under (a) above for a period of six (6) months or an academic year and is returned to a position in the bargaining unit, she or he shall not suffer any loss of seniority, service or benefits. It is understood and agreed that a nurse may decline such offer to transfer and that the period of time referred to above may be extended by agreement of the parties.

- 10.11 (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) At the time of issuing notice of long term layoff pursuant to Article 10.07, the Hospital will offer early retirement allowance to a sufficient number of nurses eligible for early retirement under the Hospital's pension plan, in order of seniority, to the extent that the maximum number of nurses in either full-time or regular part-time status who elect early retirement is equivalent to the number of nurses who would otherwise be subject to layoff under Article 10.07.

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 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 11- LEAVES OF ABSENCE

11.01 Written requests for a personal leave of absence without pay will be considered on an individual basis by the Director of Nursing, 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 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 full-time nurse during such leave of absence. There shall be no loss of seniority or service for a part-time 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 years. Notwithstanding Article 10.04, there shall be no loss of service or seniority for a full-time nurse during such leave of absence. There shall be no loss of service or seniority for a part-time 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 full-time or regular part-time 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, 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.

#### 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 regular pay because of such attendance and shall not be required to work on the day of such duty provided that the nurse:

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

#### 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 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%) 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 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 Director of Nursing, 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 Director of Nursing, Supervisor or designate.

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

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

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



## 11.11 Pre-Paid Leave Plan

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

- (a) The plan is available to nurses wishing to spread four **(4)** years' salary over a five (5) year period, in accordance with Part LXVIII of the Income Tax Regulations, Section 6801, to enable them to take a one (1) year leave of absence following the four (4) years of salary deferral.
- (b) The nurse must make written application to the Director of Nursing 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 Director of Nursing, 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 Director of Nursing or Supervisor. Deferred salary, plus accrued interest, if any, will be returned to the nurse, within a reasonable period of time.
- (j) If the nurse terminates employment, the deferred salary held by the Hospital plus accrued interest, if any, will be returned to the nurse within a reasonable period of time. In case of the nurse's death, the funds will be paid to the nurse's estate.
- (k) The Hospital will endeavour to find a temporary replacement for the nurse as far in advance as practicable. If the Hospital is unable to find a suitable replacement, it may postpone the leave. The Hospital will give the nurse as much notice as is reasonably possible. The nurse will have the option of remaining in the Plan and rearranging the leave at a mutually agreeable time or of withdrawing from the Plan and having the deferred salary, plus accrued interest, if any, paid out to the nurse within a reasonable period of time.
- (l) The nurse will be reinstated to her or his former position unless the position has been discontinued, in which case the nurse shall be given a comparable job.
- (m) Final approval for entry into the pre-paid leave program will be subject to the nurse entering into a formal agreement with the Hospital in order to authorize the Hospital to make the appropriate deductions from the nurse's pay. Such agreement will include:
- (a) A statement that the nurse is entering the pre-paid leave program in accordance with Article 11.11 of the Collective Agreement.
  - (b) The period of salary deferral and the period for which the leave is requested.

- (c) The manner in which the deferred salary is to be held

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

#### 11.12 Secondments

A 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.

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 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 Workers' Compensation 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 percent (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.

### 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.

#### 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. Nurses in the bargaining unit engaged in teaching in Schools for R.P.N.'s working overtime in excess of their average weekly hours referred to in Article 13.01 (c) which have been authorized in advance by the Director of the School, shall **be** entitled to compensating time off in accordance with the foregoing.

14.10 A nurse shall be paid a shift premium of 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 first shift of the nurse's new schedule.

Where the first shift of the employee's new schedule 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.

(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 the first shift of the employee's new schedule 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.

- iii) Where a nurse is called in to work a regular shift less than two (2) hours prior to the commencement of the shift, and arrives within one (1) hour of the commencement, then the nurse will be paid for a full tour provided that the nurse works until the normal completion of the tour.
- iv) Casual part-time nurses whose work schedule has been pre-scheduled and whose schedule is changed with less than twenty-four (24) hours notice then paragraph (b) - shall apply to casual part-time nurses.

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 ~~(1.2)~~ the nurse's regular straight time hourly rate of pay for all hours worked on such holiday subject to Article 14.04. In addition, the nurse will receive a lieu day off with pay in the amount of her or his regular straight time hourly rate of pay times the number of hours in a

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This note applies to nurses only.

## ARTICLE 16 -VACATIONS

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

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

- (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 fifteen (15) 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 five (25) years or more of full-time continuous service (as of the date for determining vacation entitlement in the individual hospital) shall be entitled to an annual vacation of six (6) weeks' with six (6) weeks' pay (225 hours' pay for employees whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day), provided the employee works or receives paid leave for a total of at least 1525 hours in the vacation year.
  
- (9) If an employee works or receives paid leave for less than 1525 hours in the vacation year she or he will receive vacation pay based on a percentage of her or his gross salary for work performed on the following basis:
 

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

- .NOTE: Employees who presently enjoy better vacation benefits shall continue to receive such better benefits while employed by the Hospital.
- 16.02 A nurse who leaves the employ of the Hospital for any reason shall be entitled to receive any unpaid vacation pay which has accrued to her or him to the date of her or his separation, it being understood and agreed that the nurse will provide at least two (2) weeks' notice of termination.
- 16.03 For the purpose of vacation entitlement, service for those nurses whose status is changed, on or after October 23, 1981, from part-time to full-time or vice versa, shall mean the combined service as a part-time and full-time nurse employed by the Hospital and accumulated on a continuous basis. For the purpose of this Article, 1500 hours of part-time service shall equal one (1) year of full-time service and vice versa.
- 16.04 Full-time nurse teachers shall be entitled to one additional week of vacation with pay which shall be taken at either the Spring Break or the Christmas Break.  
This clause applies to nurse 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 vision care (maximum \$60 every 24 months).
- (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.

(9) 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 (based on the current ODA fee schedule as it may be updated from time to time) 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.

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 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 Workers' Compensation 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 Unemployment Insurance Period) or on Long Term Disability 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.
- 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.

## ARTICLE 18 - MISCELLANEOUS

- 18.01 Copies of this Collective Agreement will be provided to each nurse covered by the Collective Agreement by the Association. The cost of printing the Collective Agreement will be shared equally by the Hospital and the local Association.
- 18.02 Whenever the feminine pronoun is used in this Agreement, it includes the masculine pronoun and vice-versa where the context so requires. Where the singular is used, it may also be deemed to mean plural and vice-versa.
- 18.03 It shall be the duty of each nurse to notify the Hospital promptly of any change in address or any change in temporary residency. If a nurse fails to do this, the Hospital will not be responsible for failure of a notice sent by registered mail to reach such a nurse. A nurse shall notify the Hospital of any change to her 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.

## 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 NurseEffective Jan. 1, 1996 ( Pay Equity Adjusted rates)

	<u>Regular Straight Time Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Start	17.94	2915.25
1	18.84	3061.50
2	19.59	3183.38
3	20.62	3350.75
4	21.64	3516.50
5	22.67	3683.88
6	23.95	3891.88
7	25.23	4099.88
8	26.51	4307.88
9	27.80	4517.50

Effective the date the salary rates are increased (and retroactive to April 1, 1997 as set out below):

	<u>Regular Straight Time Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Start	18.30	2973.55
1	19.22	3122.73
2	19.98	3247.05
3	21.03	3417.77
4	22.07	3586.83
5	23.12	3757.56
6	24.43	3969.72
7	25.73	4181.88
8	27.04	4394.04
9	28.36	4607.85

NOTE 1: Where a Participating Hospital listed in Appendix "A" to the Memorandum of Conditions for Joint Bargaining, dated April 1, 1996, was not a party to the June 4, 1993 Central Pay Equity Settlement, Appendix 3 will set out the applicable rates of pay, including any pay equity adjusted rates, that apply to the nurses covered by those agreements and the rates set out in Appendix 3 will prevail over the rates set out in Article 19.01 (a) above.

NOTE 2: Pay Equity maintenance for 1996 and 1997 will be in accordance with the clause in this agreement dealing with pay equity.



The Union and the Hospitals confirm the interrelationship of the negotiated wage rates with the Pay Equity Plan dated June 4, 1993:

The Hospitals agree to provide the Union, by June 30, 1998, with all the information necessary to ensure maintenance of pay equity; including but not limited to any changes to any of the male comparator positions identified in the central Pay Equity Settlement dated June 4, 1993; any changes to rates of pay or compensation relating to such male comparators for the period dating from June 4, 1993 forward.

NOTE 3: The rates which are retroactive to April 1, 1997 represent a two percent (2%) increase on the pay equity adjusted rates which were effective January 1, 1996.

(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 Director of Nursing 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 Director of Nursing 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 twenty cents (\$1.20) 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 sixty cents (60¢) 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. The nurse shall co-operate with the Hospital by providing verification of previous experience so that her or his recent related clinical experience may be determined and evaluated during her or his probationary period. Having established the recent related clinical experience, the Hospital will credit a new nurse with one (1) annual service increment for each year of experience up to a maximum of Level 6 (i.e., 5th year increment).

If a period of more than two (2) years has elapsed since the nurse has occupied a full-time 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. The part-time nurse shall co-operate with the Hospital by providing verification of previous experience so that her or his recent related clinical experience may be determined and evaluated during her or his probationary period.

Having established the recent related clinical experience, the Hospital will credit a new part-time nurse with one (1) annual service increment for each year of experience (calculated pursuant to the formula set out in Article 16.03) up to a maximum of Level 6 (i.e., 5th year increment). If a period of more than two (2) years has elapsed since the nurse has occupied a full-time 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. 3 of the Grievance Procedure within seven (7) calendar days following any meeting. If the matter is not resolved in the Grievance Procedure, it may be referred to Arbitration in accordance with Article 7, it being understood that any Arbitration Board shall be limited to establishing an appropriate rate based on the relationship existing amongst other nursing classifications within the Hospital and duties and responsibilities involved.

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

- (b) If a nurse becomes disabled with the result that **she** 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 May 5, 1998.

The 2% general wage increase ~~is~~ effective the date the rates are increased and ~~is~~ retroactive to April 1, 1997. Retroactivity will be paid on the basis of hours paid within four full pay periods (approximately 8 weeks) of May 5, 1998.

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 May 5, 1998 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, 1998 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 parties 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:
- Appendix 1 - O.N.A. Grievance Form
  - Appendix 2 - List of Professional Responsibility Assessment Committee - Chairpersons
  - Appendix 3 - Salary Schedule
  - Appendix 4 - Superior Conditions - If Any
  - Appendix 5 - Appendix of Local Provisions
  - Appendix 6 - O.N.A. Professional Responsibility Complaint Form



DATED at \_\_\_\_\_, Ontario, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 199\_\_.

FOR THE HOSPITAL

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



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 DATE DE SOUMISSION A L'EMPLOYEUR

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 N° DU GRIEF

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SETTLEMENT REQUESTED / RÉGLEMENT DEMANDÉ

SIGNATURE OF GRIEVOR:  
 SIGNATURE DE LA PLAIGNANTE:

SIGNATURE OF ASSOCIATION REP:  
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SIGNATURE & POSITION OF EMPLOYER'S REPRESENTATIVE  
 SIGNATURE ET TITRE DU REPRESENTANT DE L'EMPLOYEUR



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APPENDIX 2

LIST OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE - CHAIRPERSONS

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

APPENDIX 3

RIVERSIDE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES INC.  
 (at LaVerendrye General Hospital (Fort Frances))

		PAY EQUITY ADJUSTED RATES	
<u>REGISTERED NURSE</u>		<u>Effective Jan. 1/96</u>	<u>Effective Apr. 1/97</u>
Start	- Monthly	\$2915.25	\$2973.55
	- Hourly	\$17.94	\$18.30
1 Year	- Monthly	\$3061.50	\$3122.73
	- Hourly	\$18.84	\$19.22
2 Years	- Monthly	\$3183.38	\$3247.05
	- Hourly	\$19.59	\$19.98
3 Years	- Monthly	\$3350.75	\$3417.77
	- Hourly	\$20.62	\$21.03
4 Years	- Monthly	\$3516.50	\$3586.83
	- Hourly	\$21.64	\$22.07
5 Years	- Monthly	\$3683.88	\$3757.56
	- Hourly	\$22.67	\$23.12
6 Years	- Monthly	\$3891.88	\$3969.72
	- Hourly	\$23.95	\$24.43
7 Years	- Monthly	\$4099.88	\$4181.88
	- Hourly	\$25.23	\$25.73
8 Years	- Monthly	\$4307.88	\$4394.04
	- Hourly	\$26.51	\$27.04
9 Years	- Monthly	\$4517.50	\$4607.85
	- Hourly	\$27.80	\$28.36
<u>GRADUATE NURSE</u>			
Start	- Monthly	\$2784.65	\$2840.34
	- Hourly	\$17.14	\$17.48
1 Year	- Monthly	\$2927.10	\$2985.64
	- Hourly	\$18.01	\$18.37
2 Years	- Monthly	\$3043.63	\$3104.50
	- Hourly	\$18.73	\$19.10
3 Years	- Monthly	\$3203.65	\$3267.72
	- Hourly	\$19.71	\$20.11

INSTRUCTORS

Start	- Monthly	\$3150.51	\$3213.52
	- Hourly	\$19.39	\$19.78
1 Year	- Monthly	\$3311.63	\$3377.86
	- Hourly	\$20.38	\$20.79
2 Years	- Monthly	\$3442.51	\$3511.36
	- Hourly	\$21.18	\$21.61
3 Years	- Monthly	\$3622.16	\$3694.60
	- Hourly	\$22.29	\$22.74
4 Years	- Monthly	\$3802.39	\$3878.44
	- Hourly	\$23.40	\$23.88
5 Years	- Monthly	\$3978.59	\$4058.16
	- Hourly	\$24.48	\$24.97
6 Years	- Monthly	\$4197.39	\$4281.34
	- Hourly	\$25.83	\$26.35
7 Years	- Monthly	\$4415.16	\$4503.46
	- Hourly	\$27.17	\$27.71
8 Years	- Monthly	\$4637.87	\$4730.63
	- Hourly	\$28.54	\$29.11
9 Years	- Monthly	\$4863.54	\$4960.81
	- Hourly	\$29.93	\$30.53

STAFF HEALTH NURSE

Start	- Monthly	\$2975.60	\$3035.11
	- Hourly	\$18.31	\$18.68
1 Year	- Monthly	\$3133.75	\$3196.43
	- Hourly	\$19.28	\$19.67
2 Years	- Monthly	\$3263.28	\$3328.55
	- Hourly	\$20.08	\$20.48
3 Years	- Monthly	\$3435.53	\$3504.24
	- Hourly	\$21.14	\$21.56
4 Years	- Monthly	\$3610.39	\$3682.60
	- Hourly	\$22.22	\$22.66
5 Years	- Monthly	\$3780.03	\$3855.63
	- Hourly	\$23.26	\$23.73
6 Years	- Monthly	\$3993.85	\$4073.73
	- Hourly	\$24.58	\$25.07
7 Years	- Monthly	\$4202.79	\$4286.85
	- Hourly	\$25.86	\$26.38
8 Years	- Monthly	\$4416.01	\$4504.33
	- Hourly	\$27.18	\$27.72
9 Years	- Monthly	\$4630.89	\$4723.51
	- Hourly	\$28.50	\$29.07

APPENDIX 4

RIVERSIDE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES INC.  
(at LaVerendrye General Hospital (Fort Frances))

SUPERIOR CONDITIONS

1. Association Security

Dues deduction listings provided in Article 5.05 shall include the address of such nurse.

2. (Part-Time)

Paid Holidays

In accordance with the NOTE to Article 15.01, if a nurse works on any of the holidays listed below, she or he shall be paid at one and one-half (1 1/2) times her or his regular straight time hourly rate for all hours worked on such holiday. Where, in addition, she or he is required to work additional hours following her or his full tour on that day (but not including hours on a subsequent regularly scheduled shift for such nurse), she or he shall receive two (2) times her or his regular straight time hourly rate for such additional hours worked. The designated holidays shall be:

New Year's Day	Labour Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in February	Thanksgiving Day
Good Friday	Remembrance Day
Victoria Day	Christmas Day
Dominion Day	Boxing Day
Civic Holiday (August)	

3. (Part-Time)

Vacations

In accordance with the NOTE to Article 16, a part-time nurse who was receiving better vacation pay benefits prior to October 23, 1981, shall continue to receive such benefits while employed by the Hospital. Specifically, the casual part-time nurses enjoying such better benefits and the respective benefit levels are:

Matthews, Roslyn - six percent (6%).  
McKinnon, Sandra - eight percent (8%).

Parnell, June - six percent (6%).  
Stewart, Marie J. - six percent (6%).

4. (Full-Time)

Ambulance Escort

in accordance with the NOTE to Article 14.11 where the number of hours spent by a nurse in return travel on ambulance escort duties are such that the nurse's daily or weekly regular hours are exceeded, such excess hours shall be paid at time and one-half the nurse's regular straight time hourly rate. If these excess hours are worked on a paid holiday, the nurse will be paid at double time as per Article 14.04 of the Award.

5. (Full-Time)

Sick Leave Provisions

In accordance with Article 12.03 (b), if a regular full-time employee retires or in case of death before retirement and has completed at least five (5) years of service at the date of retirement or death, her or his beneficiary shall be entitled to fifty percent (50%) of accumulated sick leave on record to her or his credit as of such date.

APPENDIX 5

APPENDIX

ON

LOCAL ISSUES

BETWEEN:

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

AND:

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

ARTICLE A - RECOGNITION

- A.1 The Hospital recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all registered and graduate nurses engaged in a nursing capacity on a full-time basis by Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc., at Laverendrye General Hospital, in the Town of Fort Frances, save and except Head Nurses and persons above the rank of Head Nurse.
- A.2 The Hospital recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all registered and graduate nurses engaged in a nursing capacity, who work less than thirty-seven and one-half (37 1/2) hours in the average week, by Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc., at Laverendrye General Hospital, in the Town of Fort Frances, save and except Head Nurses and persons above the rank of Head Nurse.

ARTICLE B - MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS

- B.1 The Association recognizes that the management of the Hospital and the direction of the working forces are fixed exclusively in the Hospital and shall remain solely with the Hospital, except as specifically limited by the express provisions of this Agreement and, without restricting the generality of the



foregoing! the Association acknowledges that it is the exclusive function of the Hospital to:

- (a) maintain order, discipline and efficiency;
- (b) hire, assign, retire, discharge, direct, promote, demote, classify, transfer, lay-off, recall and suspend or otherwise discipline nurses, provided that a claim of discharge or discipline without cause may be the subject of a grievance and dealt with as hereinafter provided;
- (c) determine in the interest of efficient operation and high standards of service, job rating and classification, the hours of work, work assignments, methods of doing the work and the working establishment for the service;
- (d) generally to manage the operation that the Hospital is engaged in and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, to determine the number of personnel required, methods, procedures and equipment in connection therewith;
- {e} make, enforce and alter from time to time rules and regulations to be observed by the nurses which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement. The Hospital will discuss with the Association any changes to the said rules and regulations.

B.2 These rights shall not be exercised in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

### ARTICLE C - DEFINITIONS

C.1 The word "nurses" when used in this Agreement shall mean persons included in the above-described bargaining unit.

C.2 A commitment is the predetermined hours of the position for which the nurse has successfully applied.

The regular part-time nurses must be available to be scheduled for work at least:

- (a) an average of fifteen (15) hours per week;
- (b) one (1) weekend in three (3);
- (c) either Christmas Day or the following New Year's Day:

(d) five (5) recognized holidays during the year other than Christmas or New Year's:

(e) eleven (11) months of the year

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

C.3 "Supervisor" or "Immediate Supervisor" when used in this Agreement shall mean the first supervisory level excluded from the bargaining unit.

#### ARTICLE D - COMMITTEES AND NURSE REPRESENTATIVES

D.1 The Hospital will recognize five (5) Nurse Representatives! who may be full-time or part-time nurses, elected or appointed by the Association.

D.2 The Hospital will recognize one (1) Grievance Committee of three (3) nurses covering the full-time and part-time bargaining units.

D.3 The Hospital shall recognize a Negotiating Committee not to exceed four (4) nurses, at least one (1) of whom will be full-time and at least one (1) of whom will be part-time.

D.4 The Hospital-Association Committee shall consist of three (3) nurses. The number of Hospital representatives on the Committee shall not exceed the number of Association representatives.

#### ARTICLE E - INTERVIEWS

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

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

#### ARTICLE F - ARBITRATION HEARINGS

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

ARTICLE G - SENIORITY LISTS

G.1 Seniority lists will be posted and copies will be given to the Local Association on or before February 15th and August 15th in each year.

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

ARTICLE H - ASSOCIATION LEAVE

H.1 Leave of absence for Association business shall be given up to an aggregate maximum of forty (40) working days during any calendar year, provided adequate notice is given to the Hospital. It is agreed that not more than three (3) nurses shall be absent on such leave at the same time. It is further agreed that not more than two (2) nurses from a speciality area will be absent on such leave at the same time. It is also agreed that the aggregate of forty (40) days shall be an aggregate for both the full-time and part-time bargaining units. If there is a request for three (3) nurses to be absent from the Hospital at one time or for two (2) nurses to be absent from a speciality area at one time and the Director of Nursing decided that three (3) nurses from the Hospital or two (2) nurses from a speciality area cannot have leave because of staffing considerations, then the Director of Nursing will notify the Association of this fact and the Association will designate which nurse(s) shall be given leave. A minimum of two (2) nurses will be granted leave. This discretion shall not be unreasonably exercised.

ARTICLE I - SCHEDULING

I.1 The Hospital will continue its present practice with respect to coffee breaks.

I.2 Full-time and regular part-time nurses will receive the premium pay as provided in Article 14.03 for all hours worked on a third and additional, if any, consecutive and subsequent weekend, save and except where:

- (a) such weekend has been worked by the nurse to satisfy specific days off requested by such nurse; or
- (b) such nurse has requested weekend work: or
- (c) such weekend is worked as the result of an exchange of shifts with another nurse.

I.3 The Hospital will formulate full-time nurses' working schedules in accordance with the following objectives:

- (a) no split shifts;
- (b) the Hospital will endeavour to schedule nurses off work for not less than six (6) consecutive days and shall schedule them *off* work for at least five (5) consecutive days at either Christmas or New Year's season, except in areas in which nurses are not normally required to work on weekends and statutory holidays. However, a nurse may request to be scheduled off work for less than six (6) consecutive days. Time off at Christmas shall mean Christmas Day and Boxing Day and time off at New Year's shall mean New Year's Eve Day and New Year's Day. The other scheduling regulations and objectives will not operate during the period December 15th to January 15th.

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

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

- (c) nurses will not be scheduled for more than seven (7) consecutive days;
- (d) no less than twenty-four (24) hours shall be scheduled *off* between tour changes;
- (e) four (4) days off in fourteen (14), two (2) of which must be consecutive.

I.4 The Hospital will formulate part-time nurses' working schedules in accordance with the following objectives:

- (a) no split shifts;
- (b) the Hospital will endeavour to schedule nurses off work for not less than six (6) consecutive days and shall schedule them off work for at least five (5) consecutive days at either Christmas or New Year's

season, except in areas in which nurses are not normally required to work on weekends and statutory holidays. However, a nurse may request to be scheduled off work for less than six (6) consecutive days. Time off at Christmas shall mean Christmas Day and Boxing Day and time off at New Year's shall mean New Year's Eve Day and New Year's Day. The other scheduling regulations and objectives will not operate during the period December 15th to January 15th.

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- (c) no less than twenty-four (24) hours shall be scheduled off between tour changes;
- (d) the Hospital will endeavour to schedule two (2) weekends off in four (4);
- (e) regular part-time nurses will not be scheduled to work more than four **(4)** consecutive tours without the consent of the nurse unless the nurse is temporarily replacing in a full-time position in which case I.3 (c) of Appendix 5 will apply;
- (f) a weekend shall be defined as at least fifty-six (56) hours off from the end of the last tour worked on Friday to the beginning of the day tour on Monday.

- I.5 (a) Full-time nurses' schedules will be posted for four (4) weeks in advance to cover at least four **(4)** weeks.
- (b) Schedules for regular part-time nurses will be posted two (2) weeks in advance to cover a four (4) week period.

- I.6 Any violation of the scheduling regulations found in I.3 or I.5 (a) above, will entitle a full-time nurse to premium pay as provided in Article 14.03, for all hours worked during the first forty-eight (48) hours of the change or non-compliance.

1.7 The Hospital will endeavour to maintain and achieve the following objectives in the formulation of full-time nurses' working schedules:

- (a) the Hospital will endeavour to schedule two (2) weekends off in four (4);
- (b) a nurse who normally rotates shall be scheduled a greater percentage of shifts on the day shift than on either the evening or night shifts, except with the consent of the nurse.
- (c) a weekend shall be defined as at least fifty-six (56) hours off from the end of the last tour worked on Friday to the beginning of the day tour on Monday.

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

1.9 Procedure for a Nurse Exchanging a Shift with Another Nurse

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

- 1.10
- (a) All regular part-time nurses in a unit will be scheduled up to their committed hours by seniority before any casual part-time nurses are utilized. Committed hours are the predetermined hours of the position for which the nurse has successfully applied. Additional availability is the hours reflected in the individual nurse' letter submitted as per Article 1.10 (c).
  - (b) When regular part-time nurses on the unit have been given the opportunity to work up to their committed hours, the Hospital will endeavour to offer additional tours to regular part-time nurses on the basis of seniority, prior to offering tours to casual nurses, subject to the following:
    - (i) nurses who wish to be considered for additional tours must indicate their availability in the manner prescribed by Article 1.10 (c);
    - (ii) a tour will be deemed to be offered whenever a call is placed;
    - (iii) it is understood that the Hospital will not be required to offer

tours which would result in overtime premium pay;

- (iv) when a regular part-time nurse accepts an additional tour. she or he must report for that tour unless arrangements satisfactory to the Hospital are made;
  - (v) provided they are qualified, nurses may submit their availability to work additional tours to more than one (1) unit.
- (c) The periodic basis for submitting written requests for additional shifts is twice yearly April 15th and October 15th.

#### ARTICLE J - PAID HOLIDAYS

J.1 The following twelve (12) days are recognized as paid holidays by the Hospital:

New Year's Day	Labour Day
2nd Monday in February	Thanksgiving Day
Good Friday	Remembrance Day
Victoria Day	Christmas Day
2nd Monday in June	Boxing Day
Canada Day	Civic Holiday (August)

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

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

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

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

J.5 Requests for lieu days off made in writing on the required form and submitted to the Head Nurses at least ten (10) days in advance of the requested lieu day off, shall not be unreasonably denied by the Hospital. The Hospital shall

reply to such requests as soon as possible but no less than five (5) days prior to the requested lieu day.

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## ARTICLE K - VACATIONS

- K.1 All full-time nurses shall be entitled to vacation with pay based on length of continuous service as at April 30th.
- K.2 The vacation year for purposes of calculating vacation allowance shall be from May 1st of one year to April 30th of the next year.
- K.3 Vacation pay and vacation time off for part-time nurses shall be based on the vacation year.
- K.4 Vacation may be taken at any time during the twelve (12) months following May 1st. Vacations are not cumulative and must be taken before the following April 30th. Nurses shall be allowed to take their vacations in more than one ~~(1)~~ period provided they take at least five (5) consecutive days off each vacation period. Vacation time off during prime vacation period, June 15th to September 15th, will be limited to four (4) weeks. Selection of vacation periods will be subject to the Hospital's requirements as to the sufficient availability of staff.
- K.5 Vacation request lists to cover the total vacation year (May 1st to April 30th) will be posted February 15th in each year and will remain up until March 15th. This list will show the amount of vacation available to be taken. Vacations requested on this list will be granted in accordance with seniority. If a nurse wishes seniority to apply to her or his vacation request(s), she or he must write her or his request(s) on the list. Vacation lists showing the granted vacations shall be posted no later than April 15th and shall remain posted for the year.

Once a nurse has been granted vacation based on her or his seniority, she or he shall not use her or his seniority to change her or his vacation time.

Vacation requests made other than by the vacation request list shall be granted on a first come basis subject to vacation granted through the list process. These requests must be submitted in writing at least eight (8) weeks in advance of the requested time. The Hospital shall reply in writing within two (2) weeks of receipt of the request. The Hospital shall establish reasonable vacation quotas. Requests shall not be unreasonably denied.



Nurses must have requests for any vacation time off which remains from the previous May 1st vacation year submitted to the Hospital no later than February 15th, otherwise the Hospital shall have the right to schedule the remaining vacation time.

If a nurse has vacation already granted and she or he transfers to another unit, the Hospital shall make every effort to honour the granted vacation.

K.6 Prior to leaving on vacation, nurses shall be notified of the date and time on which to report for work following vacation, If such notification has not occurred prior to the nurse's last day of work, she or he will contact her or his Head Nurse to confirm the date and time she or he is to return to work.

K.7 For vacation purposes, subject to Article K.2 and K.3, all part-time nurses shall be eligible for one (1) month time off without pay, provided the part-time nurse has been in the employ of the Hospital for one (1) or more years as at April 30th. Part-time nurses with less than one (1) year as at April 30th shall be eligible to receive time off without pay based on three (3) calendar days for each full month of employment prior to April 30th to a maximum of thirty (30) days.

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

#### ARTICLE L - BULLETIN BOARDS

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

#### ARTICLE M - PAY DAYS

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

## ARTICLE N - NOTICE OF TERMINATION

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

## ARTICLE O - TIME OFF IN LIEU OF OVERTIME

- O.1 (a) Where a full-time nurse chooses equivalent time off as provided in Article 14.09, such time off must be taken at a mutually agreeable time within ninety (90) calendar days of the date the overtime was worked or payment in accordance with Article 14.09 shall be made.
- (b) A regular part-time nurse may choose equivalent time off for overtime hours resulting from call back from standby. Such time off must be taken at a mutually agreeable time within ninety (90) calendar days of the date the overtime was worked or payment in accordance with Article 14.09 shall be made.

## ARTICLE P - PRE-PAID LEAVE

- P. 1 The number of nurses allowed off at one time under the Pre-Paid Leave Plan in Article 11.11 shall be a total of five (5) from a combination of the full-time and part-time bargaining units. In year five (5) of the Plan, only one (1) nurse at a time may be absent on this leave from any one (1) unit.

## ARTICLE Q - MODIFIED WORK

- Q.1 The Hospital will notify the President of the Local Association in writing of the names of all nurses who go off work due to a work related injury or when a nurse is off with a long-term disability in excess of six (6) months.
- Q.2 When it has been medically determined that an employee is unable to return to the full duties of her or his position due to a disability, the Hospital will notify and meet with a Staff Representative of the Ontario Nurses' Association and a member of the Local Executive to discuss the circumstances surrounding the employee's return to suitable work.
- Q.3 The Hospital agrees to provide the employee with a copy of the Workers' Safety and Insurance Board Form 7 at the same time as it is sent to the Board.

ARTICLE R - EXTENDED TOURS

R.1 The parties agree that the provisions of the other Articles of this Collective Agreement shall apply to those nurses working extended tours. except as amended or modified **by** this Article.

R.2 Objective

To establish extended tours for Registered and Graduate Nurses.

R.3 Trial Period

The parties agree that extended tours will be introduced on a trial period basis on individual wards or units as mutually agreed and the individual trial period shall not exceed sixteen (16) weeks.

R.4 Implementation and Continuation of Extended Tours

The parties agree to implement extended tours on designated wards as mutually agreed, provided sufficient and suitable staffing commitment is available to enable extended tours and resultant work schedules to function. The parties further agree to meet at the local level to evaluate the program after eight (8) weeks and after twelve (12) weeks to ascertain the wishes of the parties as to continuation beyond the initial sixteen (16) week trial period. Extended tours may be discontinued in any unit when either seventy-five percent (75%) of the nurses affected in the unit so indicate by secret ballot or the Hospital because of adverse effects on patient care, inability to provide a workable staffing schedule or other reasons which are neither arbitrary nor unreasonable, states its intent in writing to the other party to discontinue extended tours, Written notice must be given to the other party at least eight (8) weeks prior to the date such party wishes to return to the normal work week.

R.5 Participation

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

R.6 Suggestions and Complaints

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

R.7 Hours of Work

Relief staff may be scheduled to work all or part of an extended tour depending on the Hospital's staffing requirements.

A full-time or regular part-time nurse will receive premium pay as provided in Article 14.03 for all hours worked on a fourth and subsequent consecutive extended tour or for all hours worked on a second consecutive weekend, save and except where the nurse involved requests such work or such work results from a change of shift with another nurse.

R.8 Meal and Rest Periods

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

two (2) rest periods; and

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

R.9 Scheduling

Nurses working extended tours shall not be scheduled to work more than three (3) consecutive tours. Full-time and regular part-time nurses working extended tours shall receive every second weekend off.

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

ARTICLE S - JOB-SHARING

S.1 The introduction of job-sharing arrangements will be subject to mutual agreement between the Association and the Hospital. Each job-sharing arrangement will be on a trial basis for a period of up to six (6) months, subject to review by the Association and the Hospital before confirmation. It is agreed that the following conditions will govern the arrangements,

- (a) Job-sharing requests with regard to full-time positions shall be considered on an individual basis and the Hospital shall reserve the sole right to determine the appropriateness of such arrangements which shall include the number of job-sharers and percentage split of the full-time position. Such determination shall not be arbitrary or unreasonable.

- (b) Total hours worked by the job-sharers shall equal one (1) full-time position. The division of these hours and the resulting scheduled shifts on the schedule shall be determined by mutual agreement between the nurses with approval of the Director of Nursing or her or his designate. Job-sharers shall not be required to work any tours outside of the tours of the full-time position unless mutually agreed to by the nurse(s) and the Hospital. The nurses shall submit their proposed individual work schedules to the Hospital for approval at least three (3) weeks prior to the posting of the schedule.
- (c) The above schedules shall conform with the full-time scheduling provisions of the Collective Agreement.
- (d) The job-sharers together shall only be required to work the number of paid holidays that a full-time nurse would be required to work.
- (e) It is agreed that job-sharers will make reasonable efforts to cover each other's incidental absences including vacations, however, the Hospital will arrange the necessary coverage where such reasonable efforts do not result in coverage of these absences.

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

- (f) Each job-sharer may exchange shifts with her or his partner, as well as with other nurses as provided by the Collective Agreement.
- (g) An incumbent full-time nurse wishing to share her or his position, may do so without having her or his half of the position posted, however, the other half of the job-shared position must be posted and the selection based on the criteria set out in the Collective Agreement.
- (h) If one of the job-sharers leaves the arrangement, the remaining nurse shall have the option of going full-time or having the other portion of the shared position posted. If there is no successful applicant to the position, the shared position must revert to a full-time position. The remaining nurse will again be given the option of continuing the full-time position or taking another regular part-time position based on her or his seniority and her or his ability to perform the available work

within a reasonable orientation period. If she or he does not accept the full-time position, it must be posted according to the Collective Agreement.

S.2 The Hospital or the Association may discontinue the job-sharing arrangement with sixty (60) days' written notice. The nurses involved will be included in the discussions. Upon receipt of such notice, a meeting shall be held within fifteen (15) days to discuss the discontinuation. It is understood and agreed that such discontinuation shall not be unreasonable or arbitrary. Should the arrangement be discontinued or changed, the job-sharer(s) will have the option of reverting back to their previous position(s) or to an equivalent position in their previous status based on the nurse's seniority and her or his ability to perform the available work within a reasonable orientation period or to a regular part-time position based on the nurse's seniority and her or his ability to perform the available work within a reasonable orientation period.

DATE 5 at Fort Frances, Ontario, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1999

FOR THE HOSPITAL

A. C. G.  
Howard Orvick  
Mary Frank Tidy

FOR THE ASSOCIATION

Rich Seale  
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Carl G.  
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(To be attached to and form part of the Collective Agreement)

BETWEEN:

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(at LaVerendrye General Hospital (Fort Frances))  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Hospital")

AND:

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

RE: MASTER ROTATIONS/SCHEDULING COMMITTEE

The parties agree that a Scheduling Committee will be developed consisting of at least three (3) representatives of the Association and three (3) representatives of the Hospital. The purpose of this Committee will be to develop, if possible, master rotations on a unit by unit basis. Prior to the implementation or modification of master rotations, the nurses on the affected units will be consulted. The Committee will meet no later than October 15, 1992.

DATED at Fort Frances, Ontario, this *11<sup>th</sup>* day of *February*, 1999.

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*M. J. Frank*

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RE: SCHEDULING OF DEDICATED INTENSIVE CARE UNIT NURSING STAFF

The parties recognize that the staffing complement existing in the Intensive Care Unit on this date **is:**

1. The staffing complement dedicated to the Intensive Care Unit is four (4) full-time equivalents, one (1) full-time equivalent being a permanent Unit Leader position.
2. The Unit Leader position and one (1) other position are job-shared full-time equivalent positions with the remaining two (2) positions being filled by two (2) full-time nurses.

The parties agree that:

1. The Unit Leader position will do day tour only in order to provide leadership and direction and to be able to fulfil all of the responsibilities of the position.
2. The remaining three (3) full-time rotations will share the added night shifts that result from the days only Unit Leader rotation. Thus, in a six (6) week period no more than fourteen (14) nights will be scheduled in each of the three (3) rotations.
3. This exception to the equal or greater day shift provision only applies to the Intensive Care Unit dedicated nursing staff and will not affect or apply to any other area's scheduling.



This Letter of Understanding will be reviewed during local negotiations or if the staffing complement in the Intensive Care Unit changes or if either party deems it necessary. Such party will give thirty (30) days' notice of desire to review.

DATED at Fort Frances, Ontario, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 1999.

FOR THE HOSPITAL

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Anna Marie Lochnski



APPENDIX 6  
ONA PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY COMPLAINT FORM

NOTIFICATION OF IMPROPER WORK ASSIGNMENT

DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE TO EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_  
AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_ WARD \_\_\_\_\_  
SHIFT \_\_\_\_\_  
TYPE OF CARE \_\_\_\_\_ BED CAPACITY \_\_\_\_\_  
PATIENTS (#) \_\_\_\_\_  
STAFFING \_\_\_\_\_ USUAL STAFFING \_\_\_\_\_

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I/We, the undersigned, believe that I was/we were given an assignment that was inconsistent with proper patient care for the following reasons. (Brief outline of problem/assignment attached).

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To correct this problem, I/we recommend:

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NAME/TITLE OF IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR NOTIFIED

\_\_\_\_\_

DATE/TIME OF NOTIFICATION

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RESPONSE / ACTION

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Signature of Complainant(s):

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I/we do not believe this response was adequate to resolve our concerns. I/we therefore request our local president/executive committee refer these concerns to the AAC. Failing resolution of the nurses'

concerns, the association may consider these issues under the professional responsibility clause.