

**COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**CAREWEST - COLONEL BELCHER, SIGNAL POINTE,  
SARCEE/BEDDINGTON C-3, ROULEAU MANOR & GLENMORE PARK**

**AND THE**

**UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA  
LOCAL #221, #423 & #424**

**FOR THE PERIOD**

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**COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT MADE THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.**

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GLENMORE PARK & ROULEAU MANOR  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “EMPLOYER”)**

**AND**

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #221, #423 & #424  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “UNION”)**

**PREAMBLE**

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

AND WHEREAS the parties recognize that a positive work environment raises the level of job satisfaction for Employees the parties shall endeavour to find resolution to issues in a manner which is fair and reasonable and consistent with the terms of this Collective Agreement.

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

NOW THEREFORE THIS COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT WITNESSES:

**ARTICLE 1: TERM OF COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

- 1.01 Except where otherwise stated in this Collective Agreement, this Collective Agreement shall be in force and effect from and after April 1, 2017 or the date upon which the United Nurses of Alberta and the Employer exchange notice of ratification by their principals of the terms of this Agreement, whichever is later, up to and including March 31, 2020, and from year to year thereafter unless notice, in writing, is given by either party to the other party not less than 60 days nor more than 120 days prior to the expiration date of its desire to amend this Collective Agreement.
- 1.02 This Collective Agreement shall continue in force and effect until a new Collective Agreement has been executed or until the right to strike or lockout arises.
- 1.03 An Employee whose employment has terminated prior to the signing of this Collective Agreement is eligible to receive retroactively any increase(s) they would have received but for the termination of employment, upon the submission of a written application to the Employer within 90 days of the signing of the Agreement.

## ARTICLE 2: DEFINITIONS

- 2.01 “Administrator” means the Chief Operating Officer responsible for the day to day activities of the Facility.
- 2.02 “Arbitration” shall take meaning from the section of the Labour Relations Code dealing with the resolution of a difference.
- 2.03 “Basic Rate of Pay” is the step in the scale applicable to the Employee as set out in the Salary Appendix inclusive of educational allowances and the Long Service Pay Adjustment but exclusive of all other allowances and premium payments.
- 2.04 “Certified Graduate Nurse” means a person whose name is in the Certified Graduate Nurses Roster and who holds an annual or temporary permit pursuant to the *Health Professions Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. H-7 and Regulations*.
- 2.05 “Cycle of the Shift Schedule” means the period of time when the Shift cycle repeats itself and the cycle shall not exceed 12 weeks.
- 2.06 “Employee” means a person covered by this Collective Agreement and employed by the Employer. At the time of hire each Employee shall be assigned by the Employer to one (1) of the following categories: regular, casual or temporary, and such assignment shall not be altered except in accordance with the provisions of this Collective Agreement.
- (a) “Regular Employee” is one who is hired to work on a full-time or part-time basis on regularly scheduled Shifts of a continuing nature;
    - (i) “Full-time Employee” is one who is hired to work the full specified hours in Article 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling Provisions;
    - (ii) “Part-time Employee” is one who is hired to work for scheduled Shifts, whose hours of work are less than those specified in Article 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling Provisions.
  - (b) “Casual Employee” is one who:
    - (i) is hired to work on a call basis and who is not scheduled except in accordance with Article 30.03(a)(i); or
    - (ii) is regularly scheduled for a period of three (3) months or less for a specific job; or
    - (iii) relieves for absences recognized by this Collective Agreement the duration of which are three months or less.
  - (c) “Temporary Employee” is one who is hired on a temporary basis for a full-time or part-time position:



- (i) for a specific job of more than three (3) months but less than 12 months; or
  - (ii) to replace a Full-time or Part-time Employee who is on an approved leave of absence for a period in excess of three (3) months; or
  - (iii) to replace a Full-time or Part-time Employee who is on leave due to illness or injury where the Employee has indicated that the duration of such leave will be in excess of three (3) months.
- 2.07 “Employer” shall mean and include such persons as may, from time to time, be appointed or designated to carry out administrative duties in respect of the operation and management of the Facility.
- 2.08 “Facility” means each individual site operated by the Employer, that is covered by the Collective Agreement.
- 2.09 “Graduate Nurse – Temporary Permit Holder” means a whose name is on the Temporary Register and who holds a temporary permit pursuant to the *Health Professions Act and Regulations*.
- 2.10 “Graduate Psychiatric Nurse” means a person whose name is on the Temporary Register and who holds a temporary registration pursuant to the *Health Professions Act and Regulations*.
- 2.11 “Gross Earnings” means all monies earned by the Employee under the terms of this Collective Agreement.
- 2.12 “Registered Nurse” means a person who has been issued a certificate of registration as a Registered Nurse pursuant to the *Health Professions Act and Regulations* and who holds an annual certificate.
- 2.13 “Registered Psychiatric Nurse” means a person who has been issued a certificate of registration as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse pursuant to the *Health Professions Act and Regulations* and who holds an annual certificate.
- 2.14 “Shift” means a daily tour of duty of not less than three (3) consecutive hours, exclusive of overtime hours.
- 2.15 The singular means the plural and vice versa as applicable.
- 2.16 “Undergraduate Nurse” means a person who is enrolled in an approved School of Nursing and who is employed by the Employer to provide direct nursing care but is not a Certified Graduate Nurse, Graduate Psychiatric Nurse, Registered Nurse or Registered Psychiatric Nurse.
- 2.17 “Union” means the United Nurses of Alberta Local(s) which is party to this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 3: RECOGNITION**

- 3.01 The Employer recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining agent for the bargaining unit of Employees described in the applicable Alberta Labour Relations Code Certificates as “All Employees when employed in Direct Nursing Care or Nursing Instruction.” The Employer agrees to recognize the duly elected or appointed representatives of the Union.
- 3.02 No Employee shall be required or permitted to make any written or verbal agreement which may be in conflict with the terms of this Agreement.
- 3.03 A request by an Employee for Union representation at any meeting with the Employer shall not be denied. However, no meeting shall be delayed as a result of the unavailability of a Union representative.
- 3.04 The Union and the Local will exercise their rights in a manner which is professional, fair and reasonable in the circumstances, and in accordance with the Collective Agreement.
- 3.05 Where a provision of the Collective Agreement refers to a requirement for some form of communication to the Union or Local to be in writing, such requirement is satisfied by the provision of such in an electronic form.

### **ARTICLE 4: MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

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

## **ARTICLE 5: DUES, DEDUCTIONS AND UNION BUSINESS**

- 5.01 (a) The Employer shall deduct from the Gross Earnings (exclusive of Disability benefits) of each Employee covered by this Collective Agreement monthly amounts equal to the monthly membership dues and Local levies as advised by the Union. Such deductions shall be forwarded to the Provincial Office of the United Nurses of Alberta, or its authorized representative, not later than the 15th day of the month following and shall be accompanied by a list of those Employees from whom deductions have been made specifying the amounts of Union dues deducted and Gross Earnings of each Employee. Such lists shall indicate newly hired and terminated Employees.
- (b) The Employer shall provide to the Union monthly, a listing of Employees specifying the following:
- (i) Name of Employee;
  - (ii) Classification;
  - (iii) Category (Regular, Temporary, Casual);
  - (iv) Regular Hours of Work;
  - (v) Date of Hire; and
  - (vi) Site.
- (c) Where possible, an electronic copy of the listing(s) specified in (a) and (b) above, shall be supplied to the Union, upon request.
- 5.02 The Union shall advise the Employer, in writing, 30 days in advance of the establishment of, or change in, membership dues structure.
- 5.03 Union dues shall be deducted on a bi-weekly or monthly basis depending upon the pay system of the Employer and submitted to the Union in accordance with Article 5.01(a).
- 5.04 The Employer shall provide a bulletin board in a reasonably accessible location for the exclusive use of the Union, and for the sole purpose of posting information related to the Union's activities. A separate bulletin board shall be provided in each building where there is a considerable geographic separation between buildings in which patient/resident/client care is provided. In addition, and where mutually agreed, space will be provided on other existing bulletin boards. The Employer reserves the right to require that posted material damaging to the Employer be removed.

- 5.05 (a) A representative of the Union shall have the right to make a presentation of up to 45 minutes at the orientation of new Employees with respect to the structure of the Local as well as the rights, responsibilities and benefits under the Collective Agreement; provided, however, that attendance at the presentation shall not be compulsory, provided further that a representative of the Employer may be present at such presentation.
- (b) The Employer shall advise the Local Union President or designate of the date, time and place for each orientation, and any changes in the scheduling of each orientation.
- 5.06 (a) A representative of the Local shall not suffer any loss in pay for time spent to attend meetings with the Employer arising from the administration of this Collective Agreement. The Local representative shall provide as much advance notice of the request as possible and shall not leave their work area or unit without obtaining the prior consent of their supervisor which shall not be unreasonable withheld.
- (b) The Employer shall not unreasonably withhold approval for leave(s) of absence for Employees elected or appointed to perform Union business. Where such request for leave of absence is made in writing the Employer's reply shall be given in writing. For such leave, upon request:
- (i) pension contributions shall continue uninterrupted; and
  - (ii) a repayment plan for the Employee share of contribution shall be established.
- (c) For members of the United Nurses of Alberta Negotiating Committee, and the Executive Board of United Nurses of Alberta, where the request for leave is in writing, it shall not be denied. Such members shall provide the Employer with such request in writing with as much advance notice as possible.
- (d) Excluding those Employees on a full-time Union leave, time off granted in accordance with Article 5.05(b) and (c) shall be with pay. The Union agrees to reimburse the Employer for the total cost of the absence, plus a 15% administration fee.

## **ARTICLE 6: NO DISCRIMINATION**

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

6.02 Article 6.01 shall not apply with respect to a refusal, limitation, specification or preference based on a *bona fide* occupational requirement.

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

### **(HOURS OF WORK FOR COLONEL BELCHER CARE CENTRE LOU #11)**

#### 7.01 *Regular Hours of Work*

- (a) Regular hours of work for Full-time Employees, exclusive of meal periods shall be:
  - (i) 7.75 consecutive hours per day; and
  - (ii) 38.75 hours per week averaged over one (1) complete Cycle of the Shift Schedule; and
  - (iii) 2022.75 hours per year.
- (b) Regular hours of work shall be deemed to:
  - (i) include, as scheduled by the Employer, two (2) rest periods of 15 minutes during each full working Shift of 7.75 hours; or
  - (ii) include, as scheduled by the Employer, one (1) rest period of 30 minutes during each full working Shift of 7.75 hours if this is more compatible with the scheduling of work assignments; the alternative to be applied shall be at the discretion of the Employer; or
  - (iii) include, as scheduled by the Employer, one (1) rest period of 15 minutes during each half Shift of not less than four (4) hours; and
  - (iv) exclude a meal period of 30 minutes to be scheduled by the Employer during each working day on which the Employee works in excess of four (4) hours. Where possible, such meal periods shall not be scheduled to occur in the first or last hour of the Shift, except by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Employee.
- (c) Notwithstanding that the meal period is to be excluded in the calculation of regular hours of work, if the Employer requires an Employee to be readily available for duty during their meal period, the Employee shall be so advised in advance and be paid for that meal period at the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay.
- (d) If an Employee is recalled to duty during their meal period or rest period the Employee shall be given a full meal period or rest period later in the Employee's Shift, or, where that is not possible, be paid for the meal period or rest period as follows:

- (i) for a rest period, at the overtime rate, in accordance with Article 8: Overtime rather than at straight time; or
  - (ii) for a meal period for which the Employee is entitled to be paid in accordance with Article 7.01(c), at the overtime rate, in accordance with Article 8: Overtime rather than at straight time; or
  - (iii) for a meal period for which the Employee is not otherwise entitled to be paid, the overtime rate, in accordance with Article 8: Overtime.
- (e) On the date fixed by proclamation, in accordance with the Daylight Saving Time Act, of conversion to Mountain Standard Time, regular hours of work shall be extended to include the resultant additional hour with additional payment due therefor at the applicable overtime rate. On the date fixed by said Act for the resumption of Daylight Saving Time, the resultant reduction of one (1) hour in the Shift involved shall be effected with the appropriate deduction in regular earnings.

7.02 *Shift Schedules*

- (a) Employees, in the course of their regular duties, may be required to work on various Shifts throughout the 24 hour period of the day and the seven (7) days of the week. The first Shift of the working day shall be the one wherein the majority of hours worked fall between 2400 and 0800 hours.
- (b) “Days of Rest” for a Full-time Employee shall mean all days where an Employee is not scheduled to work, pursuant to Article 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling Provisions.
- (c) The Employer, in scheduling Shifts, shall take into consideration an Employee’s request for certain Shift schedules, subject to the requirements of Article 7.02(a).
- (d) The Shift patterns which may be available are:
  - (i) Days, evenings, nights rotation (however, the Employer shall endeavour to minimize application of such rotation);
  - (ii) Permanent days;
  - (iii) Permanent evenings (only by request of Employee);
  - (iv) Permanent nights (only by request of Employee);
  - (v) Evenings and days rotation;
  - (vi) Nights and evenings (only by request of Employee);

- (vii) Nights and days rotation.
- (e) A request by an Employee to work permanent evenings or permanent nights shall not be unreasonably withheld, but the Employer may require an Employee working permanent evenings or permanent nights to work blocks of day Shift for the purpose of maintaining proficiency. Such blocks shall total not more than two (2) blocks per year totaling not more than 14 calendar days per year.
- (f) Employees working Shift patterns 7.02(d)(i), (v) and (vii) shall be assigned day duty at least 2/5 of the time during the Shift cycle. For the purpose of applying the foregoing:
  - (i) Day duty means Shifts where the majority of the regularly scheduled Shift falls between 0700 hours and 1500 hours. Evening duty means Shifts where the majority of the regularly scheduled Shift falls between 1500 hours and 2300. Night duty means Shifts where the majority of the regularly scheduled Shift falls between 2300 and 0700.
  - (ii) Employees will be deemed to have been assigned day duty when they are absent on vacation or on a Named Holiday that would have, except for such absence been day duty to which the Employee would have been assigned in accordance with the Shift schedule.
  - (iii) Scheduled days of rest are not considered as day duty for the purpose of applying this provision.
- (g) Except in cases of emergency or by mutual agreement between the Employee and the Employer, Shift schedules shall provide for:
  - (i) at least 15 hours off duty between Shifts;
  - (ii) at least two (2) consecutive days of rest;
  - (iii) days of rest on 1/2 of the weekends averaged over one (1) complete Cycle of the Shift Schedule, provided that an Employee shall not be scheduled to work more than two (2) consecutive weekends. "Weekend" means a Saturday and the following Sunday assuring a minimum of 56 hours off duty provided not more than one (1) hour is worked on the Sunday; and
  - (iv) not more than six (6) consecutive scheduled days of work.
- (h) Two (2) optional scheduling systems are available which may be applied upon mutual agreement, in writing, between the Employer and the Union. Where an option is applied, the relevant provisions of Article 7.02(g) shall be amended as follows:

**OPTION I**

- 7.02 (g) (i) at least 15 hours off duty between Shifts;
- (ii) at least two (2) consecutive days of rest;
- (iii) days of rest on alternate weekends. One (1) weekend in each four (4) week period shall be an extended weekend. "Weekend" means a Saturday and the following Sunday, assuring a minimum of 56 hours off duty, provided not more than one (1) hour is worked on the Sunday; and
- (iv) not more than seven (7) consecutive scheduled days of work to occur not more than once in a four (4) week cycle.

**OPTION II**

- 7.02 (g) (i) at least 15 hours off duty between Shifts;
- (ii) at least two (2) consecutive days of rest;
- (iii) days of rest on three (3) weekends in a six (6) week period, one of which shall be an extended weekend. "Weekend" means a Saturday and the following Sunday, assuring a minimum of 56 hours off duty, provided not more than one (1) hour is worked on the Sunday; and
- (iv) not more than seven (7) consecutive scheduled days of work to occur not more than twice in a six (6) week cycle.
- (i) Notwithstanding Article 7.02(h), in the event that the parties wish to implement additional optional scheduling systems, a new scheduling system may be mutually agreed to in writing between the Employer and the Union.
- (j) Violation of any provision of Article 7.02(g) or 7.02(h) shall result in payment to each affected Employee at the overtime rate, in accordance with Article 8: Overtime for all regular hours worked during the period of violation.

7.03 *Schedule Posting*

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



- (c) Prior to implementing or posting a new Shift schedule, the Employer shall have discussions with the Local regarding the upcoming new schedule.
- (d) The parties shall agree on a reasonable time frame required for line selection (some factors to consider would include historical practice, the number of Employees, number of Employees in the identical FTE, the magnitude of the change, the time of year).

7.04 *Schedule Changes*

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

7.05 *Employee Shift Exchange*

- (a) Employees may exchange Shifts, or portion of Shifts, among themselves, provided that:
  - (i) the exchange is agreed to, in writing, between the affected Employees; and
  - (ii) prior approval of such exchange has been given by the Employees' immediate supervisor(s); and
  - (iii) where a request for approval is made in writing, the Employer's reply shall also be in writing; and
  - (iv) such exchange must not result in additional costs for the Employer when compared to the Employees' pre-exchange schedules.
- (b) Such exchange shall be recorded on the Shift schedule.
- (c) Such exchange shall not be deemed a violation of the scheduling provisions of this Article.

- (d) Where a Shift exchange involves a designated day of rest, the designated day of rest shall also be deemed to be exchanged.

7.06 *Reporting Pay*

In the event that an Employee reports for work as scheduled and prior to the commencement of the Shift, is requested by the Employer to leave and

- (i) report for a later Shift, the Employee shall be compensated for the inconvenience by a payment equal to four (4) hours pay at the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay,
- (ii) fewer than four (4) hours remain in the scheduled Shift, the Employee shall be paid for the remaining hours of the scheduled Shift at the Employee's applicable rate of pay, exclusive of Shift differential and weekend premium payments. This does not apply in situations where the start time of the scheduled Shift has been changed.
- (iii) No Employee shall receive payment for Article 7.06(i) and Article 7.06(ii) concurrently.

7.07 The Employer shall not unreasonably refuse to implement a contractually compliant Shift schedule developed by the Employee(s) and the Union which provides appropriate professional coverage as determined by the Employer.

**ARTICLE 8: OVERTIME**

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

8.02 The overtime rate of 2X the applicable Basic Rate of Pay shall be paid for overtime worked.

- 8.03 No Employee shall be requested or permitted to work more than a total of 16 hours (inclusive of regular and overtime hours) in a 24 hour period beginning at the first hour the Employee reports to work.
- 8.04 (a) The Employer shall endeavour to minimize the use of mandatory overtime.
- (b) The Employer may request an Employee to work a reasonable amount of overtime. Should the Employee believe that the Employer is requesting the Employee to work more than a reasonable amount of overtime, then the Employee may decline to work the additional overtime, except in an emergency, without being subject to disciplinary action.
- (c) An emergency is a circumstance that calls for immediate action.
- (d) The Employer shall take reasonable steps to avoid a staffing situation which may become an emergency prior to requiring overtime.
- 8.05 Rest periods and meal breaks shall be scheduled in accordance with Article 7.01(b).
- 8.06 (a) Where an Employee works overtime immediately following their Shift and there is not a minimum of eight (8) consecutive hours off duty in the 12 hours preceding the Employee's next Shift, at the Employee's request, the Employee shall be entitled to eight (8) consecutive hours of rest before commencing their next Shift, without loss of earnings.
- (b) The Employee in the above situation will advise the Employee's supervisor in advance of the fact that the Employee will not be reporting for duty at the scheduled time.

#### **ARTICLE 9: COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION**

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

#### **ARTICLE 10: TRANSPORTATION**

- 10.01 An Employee who normally travels from the Facility to the Employee's place of residence by means of public transportation following the completion of the Employee's Shift but who is prevented from doing so by being required to remain on duty longer than the Employee's regular Shift and past the time when normal public transportation is available, shall be reimbursed for the cost of reasonable, necessary and substantiated transportation expense from the Facility to the Employee's place of residence.

- 10.02 When an Employee is assigned duties necessitating the use of the Employee's private automobile they shall be reimbursed at the rate of 50.5¢ per kilometer or rates established in the Employer's Policy, whichever is greater for the use of the Employee's private automobile while performing those assigned duties.
- 10.03 (a) Time spent travelling between sites during the workday is work time.
- (b) Time spent travelling to an Employee's site at the start of the day or returning from the Employee's site at the end of the day is on the Employee's own time and unpaid.
- (c) When the Employee is required to report to a site or other location at the start of the day, or to end the work day at a site or other location other than the Employee's home site, the travel, to the extent it extends beyond normal working hours, is on the Employee's own time unless the one (1) way trip adds more than 20 kilometres to their travel. In that case, the Employee will be paid kilometrage and time for the additional travel. The question of whether the trip adds more than 20 kilometres to their usual travel will be determined by the shortest route starting (or returning to as the case may be) either at the Employee's residence or at the Employee's home site.

#### **ARTICLE 11: PROBATIONARY PERIOD**

- 11.01 (a) A new Employee shall serve a probationary period of 503.75 hours worked. If a new Employee is unsuitable in the opinion of the Employer, such Employee may be terminated at any time during the probationary period without notice and without recourse to the grievance procedure.
- (b) During these evaluations the Employer shall notify the Employee, in writing, of any deficiencies, and where possible, provide the Employee an opportunity to correct them.
- 11.02 Subject to Article 11.01, the Employer shall provide an evaluation of each probationary Employee at least once during the Employee's probationary period and again prior to the completion of the Employee's probationary period.
- 11.03 The Employer shall provide a paid orientation period for all new Employees. The Employee's first 54.25 hours of patient/resident/client care shall be under guidance or supervision of which 23.25 hours shall be on day Shift.

#### **ARTICLE 12: SENIORITY**

- 12.01 (a) An Employee's "Seniority Date" shall be the date on which a Regular or Temporary Employee's continuous service in the bargaining unit commenced, including all prior periods of service as a Casual, Temporary or Regular Employee contiguous to present regular or temporary employment.

- (b) Continuous service within the bargaining unit shall include service with any Employer with a bargaining relationship with UNA, provided that the Collective Agreement with that Employer contains a reciprocal clause and provided there was no break in the Employee's service for longer than six (6) months.

12.02 Seniority shall determine:

- (a)
  - (i) selection by Regular Employees of newly created master Shift schedules ("lines") of the same full-time equivalency, subject to Article 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling Provisions, the selection to occur within the unit; and
  - (ii) selection by Regular Employees of vacant Shift schedules ("lines") of the same full-time equivalency, subject to Article 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling Provisions, the selection to occur within the unit;
- (b) promotion and transfers within the bargaining unit subject to the provisions specified in Article 14: Promotions, Transfers & Vacancies;
- (c) layoff and recall subject to the provisions specified in Article 15: Layoff and Recall; and
- (d) approval of vacation times subject to the provisions specified in Article 17: Vacations With Pay.

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

- (a) when an Employee's employment ceases with the Employer;
- (b) upon the expiry of 12 months following layoff during which time the Employee has not been recalled to work; or
- (c) if, subject to the provisions of Article 15: Layoff and Recall, an Employee does not return to work on recall.

12.04 *Seniority Lists*

- (a) *Provision of Seniority Lists*

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

- (i) within three (3) months of date of signing of this Collective Agreement, and
- (ii) every six (6) months thereafter, and

(iii) when Employees have been served a notice pursuant to the provisions of Article 15.01(a) or 15.02(b).

(b) *Contents of Seniority Lists*

Two (2) separate lists shall be provided to the Union. The seniority list shall contain the name and seniority date of each Regular and Temporary Employee in chronological order, along with each Employee's FTE and classification. A secondary list shall identify the name and seniority date of each Regular and Temporary Employee, grouped according to their unit, if the Employer has more than one unit.

(c) *Correction of Seniority Lists*

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

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

(d) Where an Employee claims previous service under Article 12.01(b), the Union carries the sole responsibility for compiling the necessary proof of prior service and for providing it to the Employer.

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

12.06 An Employee who has accrued seniority with this Employer or another Employer under the terms of a Collective Agreement with reciprocal seniority provisions shall be entitled to maintain their previous seniority date provided that there has not been a break of six (6) months or more in the Employee's continuous employment. Such seniority date shall be considered in accordance with Article 12.01, but shall have no impact upon the Employee, as an external candidate, obtaining an initial position subject to Article 14: Promotions, Transfers & Vacancies, the Employee's initial Basic Rate of Pay subject to Article 25: Salaries, vacation entitlement subject to Article 17: Vacations With Pay, sick leave accrual subject to Article 19: Sick Leave or Letter of Understanding: Severance.

**ARTICLE 13: EVALUATIONS AND PERSONNEL FILE**

- 13.01 (a) Each Employee shall receive a yearly evaluation exclusive of any continuous leave of absence greater than 90 days. Should an Employee not receive an evaluation in accordance with this Article they may request one be conducted.
- (b) Evaluations shall be for the purpose of constructive review of the performance of the Employee.
- 13.02 (a) All evaluations shall be in writing and shall be done by the most immediate supervisor in an excluded management position.
- (b) Meetings for the purpose of the evaluation interviews shall be scheduled by the Employer with reasonable advance notice which shall not be less than 24 hours. At the interview the Employee shall be given a copy of the Employee's evaluation document. The contents of the Employee's personnel file shall be available for examination by the Employee at the time of the evaluation interview. The Employee shall sign their evaluation for the sole purpose of indicating that the Employee is aware of the evaluation and shall have the right to respond, in writing, within seven (7) days of the interview and such reply shall be attached to the evaluation and placed in the Employee's personnel file.
- 13.03 (a) By appointment made at least five (5) working days in advance, exclusive of Saturday, Sunday or Named Holidays, an Employee may view their personnel file upon request at the Employees site and in the presence of a person authorized by the Employer. An Employee may be accompanied by a Union representative when viewing the Employee's personnel file.
- (b) An Employee may request and shall be given a copy of any or all documents contained in their personnel file at the time the Employee views the file, pursuant to Article 13.03(a). An Employee may also request such copies on other occasions provided the Employee's request is reasonable in the circumstances and the Employee makes an appointment for such purpose. The Employee may be required by the Employer to pay a reasonable fee to cover the cost of copying; which fee shall be established by the Employer.
- 13.04 An Employee's evaluation shall not be released by the Employer to any person except to a Board of Arbitration or as required by law without the written consent of the Employee.

**ARTICLE 14: PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS & VACANCIES**

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

- (b) When circumstances require the Employer to fill a vacancy before the expiration of ten (10) calendar days, the appointment shall be made on a temporary or relief basis only.
- (c) Vacancies shall be filled whenever possible from within the bargaining unit.
- (d) A notice of vacancy shall specify the Facility, the unit, the number of hours per Shift, and Shifts per Shift cycle which shall constitute the regular hours of work for the position. For temporary positions, the notice of vacancy shall also indicate the expected term. For information purposes only, the current Shift pattern and commencement date for the position shall also be specified on the notice of vacancy.

14.02

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

shall be posted in accordance with Article 14.01.

- (b) Where such a vacancy has been filled by the appointment of a Regular Full-time or Part-time Employee, and where either, at the completion of the term expressed in Article 14.02(a), or the Employer decides that the incumbent Employee is no longer required to continue in that position, the Employee shall be reinstated or placed in accordance with the terms of Article 14.07. A Regular Employee achieving a temporary position shall maintain their status as a Regular Employee.
- (c) Where such a vacancy has been filled by the appointment of a Casual Employee, and where, at the completion of the term expressed in Article 14.02(a), the Employer decides that the incumbent Employee is no longer required to continue in that position, the Employee shall resume the normal terms and conditions of employment as a Casual Employee and the provisions of Article 30.03 (a)(ii) shall no longer apply. A Casual Employee achieving a temporary position pursuant to this provision shall maintain their status as a Casual Employee.
- (d) During the term of a temporary position, the incumbent Employee shall be eligible to apply on postings in accordance with the following:
  - (i) Such Employee shall be eligible to apply on postings of vacancies pursuant to Article 14.01(a).



- (ii) For temporary positions on another unit such Employee shall not be eligible to apply on postings of vacancies pursuant to Article 14.02(a), unless the position posted commences after the expiry of the term for which the Employee was hired, except by mutual agreement between the Employee and the immediate supervisor.
- (iii) For temporary positions in the same unit such Employee shall be eligible to apply on postings of vacancies pursuant to Article 14.02(a) that are in the same unit/program as the Employee's current temporary position.
- (e) Temporary positions may be extended by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union. Such agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld.

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

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

If all applicants for a vacancy are Casual Employees, the determining factors shall be skill, knowledge, efficiency, experience, acceptable performance and other relevant attributes, and where these factors are considered by the Employer to be relatively equal, the position shall be awarded to the Casual Employee who has been in the scope of the bargaining unit the longest.

14.05 The Union and all applicants for the transfer, promotion and/or vacancy shall be informed in writing of the name of the successful applicant within five (5) calendar days of the appointment.

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

- 14.07 (a) The transferred or promoted Employee will be given a trial period of 325.5 hours worked in which to demonstrate the Employee's ability to perform the new assignment satisfactorily.
- (b) The Employer shall provide an evaluation of the Employee prior to the completion of the trial period.

- (c) Should either:
  - (i) the Employer determine that the Employee fails to succeed during the trial period, or
  - (ii) the Employee request reinstatement to the Employee's former position, the Employer shall reinstate the Employee in the Employee's former position or, if such reinstatement is not possible, place the Employee in another suitable position. Such reinstatement or placement shall be at not less than the rate of pay to which the Employee would be entitled had the Employee remained in their former position until the Employee is placed in a suitable position.
- (d) When the Employer reinstates an Employee in the Employee's former position or places the Employee in another suitable position, the vacancy in which the Employee is being placed shall not be subject to the provisions of Articles 14.01 to 14.05 inclusive.
- (e) A reinstatement or placement of an Employee in accordance with Article 14.07(c) shall not be construed as a violation of the scheduling provisions of Article 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling Provisions.
- (f) A transferred Employee's first three (3) Shifts of patient/resident/client care on a new unit shall be under guidance or supervision. Where the Employee will be on rotating Shifts, the first two (2) Shifts shall be day Shifts, and in addition the Employee's first Shift on evenings or nights shall be under guidance or supervision.

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

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

14.10 At the time of hire, or transfer, or change of hours in accordance with Article 14.11, or change of category in accordance with Article 30.01, 30.02 or 30.03, all Employees shall receive a letter which shall include the following:

- (a) category (Regular, Temporary or Casual);
- (b) classification;
- (c) number of hours per Shift and Shifts per Shift cycle;
- (d) date of hire and transfer (if applicable); and

- (e) increment level.

14.11 *Decreasing or Increasing Regular Hours of Work*

The parties agree that it may be of mutual benefit to the Employees and the Employer to allow Regular Employees, who request to do so, to reduce or increase their regular hours of work;

- (a) Decreasing regular hours of work for Regular Full-time and Regular Part-time Employees:
  - (i) (A) Requests to decrease regular hours of work, from Regular Full-time or Regular Part-time Employees, shall be made in writing.
  - (B) Requests for a temporary reduction in regular hours of work shall indicate the period of time that the temporary reduction would apply. The maximum time for such temporary reduction is 12 months.
  - (C) The Employer shall have the right to accept or reject any request for alteration of the Employee's full-time equivalent (FTE) based upon operational requirements including but not limited to staff skills mix, individual performance issues, etc. The Employer shall indicate approval or disapproval in writing within 14 days of the request to decrease the regular hours of work and such request shall not be unreasonably denied.
- (ii) A request to decrease regular hours of work shall indicate the requested number of Shifts per Shift cycle. Employees shall not be permitted to amend the length of their Shift through this process.
- (iii) No hours of work from the previous position shall be eliminated due to this process. If the number of hours vacated as a result of granting a request to decrease hours received by the Employer pursuant to Article 14.11 equals or exceeds .42 FTE, they shall be posted as a vacancy.
- (iv) If the number of hours vacated as a result of Article 14.11 is less than .42 FTE, the additional Shifts may be offered to Regular Part-time Employees working on the unit, in order of seniority, (for Employees without a unit, the selection to occur within the program and site) or may be posted as a vacancy.
- (v) A Regular Employee cannot decrease their FTE to less than a .42 FTE pursuant to Article 14.11, unless otherwise agreed between the Employer and the Union.

- (vi) Where the number of Employees making such requests in the 14 day period commencing the date the initial request is received by the Employer exceeds the number of requests that may be granted, the requests shall be granted in order of seniority of those Employees whose requests can be accommodated. If the Employee's request cannot be granted, the Employer shall indicate to that Employee whether an alternate choice of hours can be accommodated whereupon the Employee shall have the ability to amend their request.
- (b) Increasing regular hours of work for Regular Part-time Employees:
  - (i) (A) If regular FTEs of less than .42 or temporary FTEs of less than 12 months and less than .42 become available on the unit such hours may be offered to Regular Part-time Employees, or may be posted in accordance with this Article for members of the bargaining unit only.
    - (B) Such hours are to be offered to Regular Part-time Employees working on the unit, in order of seniority. (for Employees without a unit, this selection is to occur within the program and site.) Subject to Article 14.11(b)(iii), (iv) and (vi) below, Employees may select all or a portion of the additional hours being offered.
  - (ii) If the number of hours available equals or exceeds .42 FTE, these shall be posted in accordance with this Article.
  - (iii) If there are no qualified applicants for a vacancy that has been posted in accordance with this Article, such hours may be offered to Regular Part-time Employees in accordance with Article 14.11(b)(i)(B) above.
  - (iv) A request to increase regular hours of work shall indicate the requested number of Shifts per Shift cycle. Employees shall not be permitted to amend the length of their Shift through this process.
  - (v) Any unassigned hours following the completion of Article 14.15(b) above will not remain subject to the provisions of Article 14.11.
  - (vi) A Regular Part-time Employee may add to their regular hours of work, only those hours from the vacant position(s) that can be accommodated in their schedule without violating the scheduling provisions of the Collective Agreement.
  - (vii) A Regular Part-time Employee may become a Regular Full-time Employee through the operation of Article 14.11.

- (viii) No Regular Part-time Employee shall be permitted to increase their regular hours while other Employees are on layoff as long as the laid off Employees can perform the work required.
- (c) No Employee may decrease or increase their regular hours of work pursuant to Article 14.11 more frequently than once in a calendar year unless otherwise agreed between the Employer and the Union.
- (d) Any redistribution of hours as a result of the operation of Article 14.11 shall not be considered a violation of the Letter of Understanding Re: Severance.
- (e) Where any request pursuant to Article 14.11 has been approved, the Employer shall issue a letter to the Employee confirming the Employee's new regular hours of work in accordance with this Collective Agreement or, if applicable, the temporary period that the amended hours of work shall apply.
- (f) Copies of all requests and responses to requests pursuant to Article 14.11 shall be provided to the Union forthwith.
- (g) An Employee whose regular hours of work are altered through the operation of Article 14.11 shall not be required to serve a trial period.
- (h) Agreement to alter an Employee's regular hours of work in accordance with Article 14.11 shall not be considered a violation of Articles 14: Promotions, Transfers & Vacancies; 15: Layoff and Recall; or 30: Part-time, Temporary and Casual Employees.
- (i) This provision is not intended to circumvent the posting and recall provisions of Articles 14: Promotions, Transfers & Vacancies and 15: Layoff and Recall in circumstances where a position of greater than .42 FTE has become vacant. In such a case, the Employer shall first attempt to fill the vacancy in accordance with Article 14: Promotions, Transfers & Vacancies and 15: Layoff and Recall of the Collective Agreement. Only after the position has been posted and there have been no qualified candidates may the provisions of Article 14.11(b)(iii) apply.

14.12 In instances where a Regular Employee accepts a regular or temporary managerial position which is outside the scope of this bargaining unit the resultant vacancy shall be posted as a temporary position not to exceed 18 months. During this period, the former Employee may be reinstated into their former position. The Union shall be notified whenever this clause is applied.

## **ARTICLE 15: LAYOFF AND RECALL**

### 15.01 *Notice*

The Employer and the Union shall meet prior to a planned reduction in the workforce or a notification of position elimination. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the Union of the extent of the planned reduction or position elimination and discuss how the reduction or position elimination will take place, review the current seniority list, and discuss other relevant factors. Unless otherwise agreed between the Employer and the Union, these discussions shall not delay the issuance of notice of position elimination or workforce reduction.

- (a) In case it becomes necessary to reduce the working force, or eliminate positions, the Employer will notify Employees in person or by registered mail or by courier who are laid off 28 calendar days prior to the layoff, and shall forward to the Union a copy of the notice of layoff forthwith, except that the 28 calendar days' notice shall not apply where layoff results from an Act of God, fire, flood or a work stoppage by Employees not covered by this Collective Agreement.
- (b) Where the layoff results from an Act of God, fire or flood, 28 calendar days' notice is not required but up to two (2) weeks' pay in lieu thereof shall be paid to affected Employees.

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

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

### 15.03 *Displacement*

- (a) An Employee whose position is eliminated by the Employer or who is displaced in accordance with this Article shall, provided the Employee has not less than 24 months of seniority, have the option to:
  - (i) take a position which is vacant and for which the Employee has the ability to perform the work;
  - (ii) displace an Employee with less seniority in a position for which the Employee has the ability to perform the work; or
  - (iii) accept layoff with the right of recall. An Employee who voluntarily accepts layoff and recall shall not be eligible for the provisions under the Letter of Understanding Re: Severance.

If an Employee elects (i) or (ii) and the Employer determines that the Employee does not have the ability to perform the work of the position selected, the Employer shall inform the Employee and the Union of such within ten (10) consecutive calendar days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and Named Holidays which are specified in Article 18: Named Holidays, of the Employee making such selection. The Employee shall then have the right to make another selection in accordance with Article 15.04.

- (b) An Employee exercising the right to displace another Employee or to take a vacant position pursuant to Article 15.03(a) shall within 48 hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays or Named Holidays, of receipt of written notice from the Employer of the elimination of the Employee's position or displacement, advise the Employer, in writing, of their decision, including the name of the Employee they wish to displace or the vacant position the Employee wishes to take. The Employer may agree to extend the 48 hour time limit if necessary. Where the Employee fails to exercise such right within the specified time limit, the Employee shall be deemed to have waived the right to displace another Employee or take a vacant position and the Employer shall:
  - (i) place the Employee in any available vacant position of the Employer's choice for which the Employee has the ability to perform the work; or
  - (ii) in the absence of such a vacancy effect a layoff in accordance with Article 15.02 by serving notice pursuant to Article 15.01.
- (c) Where an Employee with less than 24 months of seniority has their position eliminated or is displaced in accordance with this Article, the Employer shall:
  - (i) assign the Employee to any available position which is vacant and for which the Employee has the ability to perform the work; or
  - (ii) in the absence of such a vacancy effect a layoff in accordance with Article 15.02 by serving notice pursuant to Article 15.01.
- (d) Where an Employee's position is eliminated and where an Employee is displaced as a result of a procedure under this Article, such Employee's rate of pay shall not be reduced until such time as the rate for the classification in which she or he is employed exceeds that of the Employee.

15.04 *Recalls*

- (a) When increasing the work force, recalls shall be carried out in order of seniority provided the Employee has the ability to perform the work. Such recall shall apply only to work periods of longer than 14 calendar days duration.

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

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

15.06 *Benefits*

- (a) The Employer shall make payment for its share of the full premium of the benefits referred to in Article 21.01 on behalf of a laid off Employee for a maximum of three (3) months premium.
- (b) Employees laid off for more than three (3) months may, with the assistance of or through the Employer, make prior arrangements for payment of the full premiums of the benefits referred to in Article 21.01.

15.07 *Application of Collective Agreement*

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



**ARTICLE 16: TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT PAY**

16.01 *Charge Pay*

- (a) The Employer shall designate a person to be in charge of a unit. Where such person is absent from the unit for a consecutive time period of two (2) hours or more, an alternate will be designated in charge.
- (b) When an Employee who holds the position of a Staff Nurse is designated in charge of a unit, such Employee shall be paid an additional \$2.00 per hour.
- (c) The Employer shall prepare a document specifying the roles and responsibilities of a person designated in charge, including the authority or process for augmenting staff. Copies of such documents shall be on hand at each nursing unit and shall be available to each Employee upon request.

16.02 (a) When an Employee is assigned to replace another Employee in a higher paid classification for one (1) full Shift or longer, the Employee shall be paid an additional amount equal to the differential between the beginning rate for the Employee's classification and the beginning rate for the more senior classification in which the Employee is relieving.

- (b) When an Employee is assigned to replace another person in an out-of-scope position at a more senior level for one (1) full Shift or longer the Employee shall be paid an additional \$2.00 per hour.

16.03 (a) The Employer shall establish a roster on which Employees may indicate their interest in performing preceptor duties. In assigning preceptor duties, the Employer shall first consider the Employees on the roster.

- (b) A Registered Nurse or Registered Psychiatric Nurse assigned by the Employer as a preceptor shall receive an additional 65¢ per hour.
- (c) Preceptor shall mean a Registered Nurse or Registered Psychiatric Nurse who is assigned to supervise, educate or evaluate 4<sup>th</sup> year Bachelor's Degree in Nursing students in the absence of a clinical instructor from their educational institution.

**ARTICLE 17: VACATIONS WITH PAY**

17.01 *Definitions*

For the purpose of this Article:

- (a) "vacation" means annual vacation with pay;

- (b) “vacation year” means the 12 month period commencing on the first day of April in each calendar year and concluding on the last day of March of the following calendar year;
- (c) “date of employment” means:
  - (i) in the case of an Employee whose employment commenced between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> days inclusive of any month, the first day of that calendar month; or
  - (ii) in the case of an Employee whose employment commenced between the 16<sup>th</sup> and last days inclusive of any month, the first day of the following calendar month.

17.02 *Vacation Entitlement*

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

- (a) Provided that any more favourable or beneficial vacation entitlement which applied to existing Employees in these positions prior to the effective date of this Collective Agreement shall be preserved and continued in effect:
  - (i) during the 1<sup>st</sup> year of such employment, an Employee earns a vacation of 15 working days;
  - (ii) during each of the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> years of employment, an Employee earns a vacation of 20 working days;
  - (iii) during each of the 10<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> years of employment, an Employee commences to earn vacation with pay at the rate of 25 working days per year;
  - (iv) during each of the 20<sup>th</sup> and subsequent years of employment, an Employee commences to earn vacation with pay at the rate of 30 working days per year.
- (b) *Employee with Less than a Year of Service*

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

- (c) Where a voluntarily terminated Employee commences employment within six (6) months of date of termination of employment with either the same Employer or another Employer, such Employee shall accrue vacation entitlement as though the Employee's employment had been continuous. The Employer shall provide the Employee with a written statement of the Employee's vacation entitlement upon termination.

- (d) *Supplementary Vacation*

The supplementary vacations as set out below are to be banked on the outlined supplementary vacation employment anniversary date and taken at a mutually agreeable time subsequent to the current supplementary vacation employment anniversary date but prior to the next supplementary vacation employment anniversary date.

- (i) Upon reaching the employment anniversary of 25 years of continuous service, Employees shall have earned an additional five (5) work days' vacation with pay.
- (ii) Upon reaching the employment anniversary of 30 years of continuous service, Employees shall have earned an additional five (5) work days' vacation with pay.
- (iii) Upon reaching the employment anniversary of 35 years of continuous service, Employees shall have earned an additional five (5) work days' vacation with pay.
- (iv) Upon reaching the employment anniversary of 40 years of continuous service, Employees shall have earned an additional five (5) work days' vacation with pay.
- (v) Upon reaching the employment anniversary of 45 years of continuous service, Employees shall have earned an additional five (5) work days' vacation with pay.

17.03 *Time of Vacation*

- (a) All vacation earned during one (1) vacation year shall be taken during the next following vacation year at a mutually agreeable time.

- (b) (i) The Employer shall post the vacation schedule planner by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. At this time, the Employer shall provide guidance as to the reasonable number of Employees for each unit, who can be granted vacation at the same time. An Employee shall submit their vacation preference for at least 75% of their annual vacation entitlement by March 15<sup>th</sup> of that year. Where an Employee submits their vacation preference by March 15<sup>th</sup> of that year, the Employer shall indicate approval or disapproval of that vacation request and shall post the resulting vacation schedule by April 30<sup>th</sup> of the same year. Where the number of Employees indicating a preference for a specific period exceeds the number of Employees as determined by the Employer that can be allocated vacation during that period, seniority relative to other Employees in the unit, program or site (whichever are applicable) shall be the deciding factor.
  - (ii) When an Employee submits a request in writing after April 30<sup>th</sup> for vacation, the Employer shall indicate approval or disapproval in writing of the vacation request within 14 days of the request.
- (c) Notwithstanding Article 17.03(a), an Employee may be permitted to carry forward a portion of unused vacation to the next vacation year. Requests to carry forward vacation shall be made in writing and shall not be unreasonably denied.
- (d) Notwithstanding Article 17.03(a), a Full-time or Part-time Employee shall have the right to utilize vacation credits during the vacation year in which they are earned provided the following conditions are met:
  - (i) the utilization does not exceed the total vacation earned by the Employee at the time of taking the vacation; and
  - (ii) such vacation can be taken at a mutually agreeable time.
- (e) (i) Subject to Article 17.03(e)(ii), the Employer shall grant the annual vacation to which the Employee is entitled in one (1) unbroken period.
- (ii) Upon request of the Employee, the Employer may grant an Employee's request to divide the Employee's vacation. Such request shall not be unreasonably denied.
- (f) Notwithstanding Article 17.03(b), at the written request of the Employee, the Employer shall provide the Employee with vacation pay rather than vacation time with pay, for that portion of the Employee's vacation entitlement that exceeds four (4) weeks.

- (g) No Employee shall have vacation cancelled or rescheduled by the Employer unless it has been assessed to be a recognized critical unforeseen emergency and it can be demonstrated that a bona fide attempt was made to mobilize the appropriate, available resources to address and resolve the issues before activating these provisions. An Employee who has vacation cancelled by the Employer shall be paid 2X the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay for the Shift(s) worked during the period of vacation cancelled by the Employer. The Employer shall also reimburse all non-refundable costs related to the cancellation of the vacation.

17.04 *Vacation Pay on Termination*

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

such Employee shall receive vacation pay at the rate prescribed in the *Alberta Employment Standards Code R.S.A. 2000 c. E-9* concerning vacations with pay, provided that the Employer may waive this clause if termination is due to illness or to other causes which are acceptable to the Employer.

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

**ARTICLE 18: NAMED HOLIDAYS**

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

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

and any day proclaimed to be a holiday by:

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

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

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

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

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

18.03 (a) Except as specified in Article 18.03(b), an Employee obliged to work on a Named Holiday shall be paid for all hours worked on the Named Holiday at 1 1/2X the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay plus:

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

- (b) An Employee obliged to work on Christmas Day or August Civic Holiday shall be paid for all hours worked on the Named Holiday at 2X the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay plus:

- (i) an alternate day off at a mutually agreed time;
    - (ii) by mutual agreement, a day added to the Employee's next annual vacation; or
    - (iii) by mutual agreement, the Employee may receive payment for such day at the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay.
  - (c) The Employer shall not schedule the alternate day off with pay as provided in Article 18.03(a) or (b) until such time as the Employee and Employer have endeavoured to agree on the date of the alternate day off. Failing mutual agreement within 30 calendar days following the Named Holiday of the option to be applied, the Employee shall have a day off with pay scheduled adjacent to a scheduled day of rest.
  - (d) In addition to an alternate day off, an Employee who is obliged to work overtime on a Named Holiday shall be paid as follows:
    - (i) for all overtime hours on a Named Holiday 2.5X their Basic Rate of Pay.
    - (ii) for all overtime hours worked on August Civic Holiday and Christmas Day 3X their Basic Rate of Pay.
- 18.04 When a Named Holiday falls on a day that would otherwise be an Employee's regularly scheduled day of rest, the Employee shall receive an alternate day off as outlined in Article 18.03 above.
- 18.05 When a Named Holiday falls during an Employee's annual vacation, such holiday may, by mutual agreement, be added to the vacation period, or the alternate day off shall be dealt with as set out in Article 18.03.
- 18.06 (a) Unless otherwise requested, an Employee shall be so scheduled as to provide the Employee with days off on at least four (4) of the actual Named Holidays. Unless otherwise requested by the Employee, one (1) of these four (4) Named Holidays shall be either Christmas or New Year's Day.
- (b) (i) An Employee granted Christmas Day off in accordance with Article 18.06(a) shall be scheduled such that the Employee shall have two (2) consecutive days where the Employee will not be obliged to work (i.e. December 24 and 25; or December 25 and 26).
  - (ii) An Employee granted New Year's Day off in accordance with Article 18.06(a) shall be scheduled such that the Employee shall have two (2) consecutive days where the Employee shall not be obliged to work (i.e. December 31 and January 1; or January 1 and 2).

- (c) Where a Named Holiday falls on a Friday or a Monday, an Employee scheduled for days of rest on the adjacent weekend shall, where possible, be granted the Named Holiday off duty.

**ARTICLE 19: SICK LEAVE**

- 19.01 (a) Sick leave is provided by the Employer for an illness, quarantine by a Medical Officer of Health or because of an accident for which compensation is not payable under the Workers' Compensation Act.
- (b) The Employer recognizes that alcoholism, drug addiction and mental illness are illnesses which can respond to therapy and treatment and that absence from work due to such therapy shall be considered sick leave.
- 19.02 An Employee shall be allowed a credit for sick leave computed from the date of employment at the rate of 1 1/2 working days for each full month of employment up to a maximum credit of 120 working days.
- 19.03 An Employee granted sick leave shall be paid for the period of such leave at the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay and the number of days thus paid shall be deducted from the Employee's accumulated sick leave credits up to the total amount of the Employee's accumulated credits at the time sick leave commenced.
- 19.04 Employees may be required to submit satisfactory proof to the Employer or its agents of any illness, non-occupational accident or quarantine when circumstances make it reasonable to do so. Where the Employee must pay a fee for such proof, the fee shall be reimbursed by the Employer up to a maximum of \$50.
- 19.05 When an Employee has accrued the maximum sick leave credits of 120 working days, the Employee shall no longer accrue sick leave credits until such time as the Employee's total accumulation is reduced below the maximum. At that time the Employee shall recommence accumulating sick leave credits.
- 19.06 (a) No sick leave shall be granted for any illness which is incurred once an Employee commences their vacation; in this event, the Employee will be receiving vacation pay.
- (b) Sick leave shall be granted:
  - (i) if an Employee becomes ill during their vacation period as stated in Article 19.06(a) above, only after the expiry of the Employee's vacation and provided the illness continues beyond the vacation;



- (ii) for the period of sick time falling within a scheduled vacation period provided that the Employee becomes ill prior to the commencement of the scheduled vacation. If the Employee so wishes the number of sick days paid within the scheduled vacation period shall be considered as vacation days not taken and may be rescheduled to a later date.
  - (c) Notwithstanding the provision of Article 19.06(a), should an Employee be admitted to hospital as an “in-patient” during the course of their vacation, the Employee shall be considered as being on sick leave for the period of hospitalization and subsequent period of recovery provided the Employee notifies the Employer upon return from vacation and provides satisfactory proof of hospitalization. Vacation time not taken as a result of such stay in hospital shall be rescheduled to a mutually agreeable time.
- 19.07
- (a) Employees who have been receiving Disability benefits and who are able to return to work and who are:
    - (i) capable of performing the duties of their former position, shall provide the Employer with two (2) weeks written notice of readiness to return to work. The Employer shall then place the Employee in the same position held by the Employee immediately prior to the Employee’s disability;
    - (ii) incapable of performing the duties of their former position, but are capable of performing the duties of their former classification, shall provide the Employer with 28 days’ written notice of the Employee’s readiness to return to work and the Employer shall then place the Employee in an existing position for which the Employee is capable of performing the work entailed.
    - (iii) In reinstating an Employee under (ii), the Employer will consult with the Employee and the Union over possible suitable placements.
  - (b) An Employee who does not qualify for LTD benefits and who exhausts their sick leave credits during the course of an illness shall be considered as remaining on sick leave without pay or benefits for the duration of the illness or up to 18 months, whichever is the lesser. Upon the Employee’s readiness to return to work following such leave the Employee shall provide the Employer with one (1) months’ notice of their intention to return to work. The Employer shall then reinstate the Employee in the same classification which the Employee held immediately prior to the absence, subject to the Layoff and Recall provisions of this Collective Agreement.
  - (c) Any Employee who is displaced because of the provisions of this Article shall be entitled to displacement rights as per Article 15.03.
- 19.08
- Upon request of an Employee the Employer shall advise an Employee of their accrued sick leave credits.

- 19.09 Sick leave credits shall not accumulate during periods of illness or injury.
- 19.10 (a) An Employee who has accrued sick leave entitlement under the terms of this Collective Agreement shall, upon the voluntary termination of employment with the Employer, be entitled to retain such entitlement provided the Employee enters into employment at an Facility at which the Employer is also party to an agreement with an identical sick leave provision, within six (6) months of the date of termination of employment. Otherwise, sick leave credits shall be cancelled and no payment shall be due therefor. The Employee shall be provided with a written statement of such entitlement upon termination.
- (b) (i) Where a Regular or Temporary Employee has accumulated a sick leave bank and such Employee subsequently transfers to a casual position, the Employee's sick leave bank shall be frozen as at the time of transfer to the casual position. Pursuant to Article 30.03, the Casual Employee shall not have access to the frozen sick leave bank.
- (ii) Where a Casual Employee in Article 30.03 subsequently transfers to a regular or temporary position with the same Employer, such Employee shall have their frozen sick leave bank reinstated and shall be eligible to access such sick leave pursuant to Article 19: Sick Leave.
- (iii) Where an Employee terminates their employment with the Employer, and within six (6) months of termination, obtains a casual position with an Employer who is also party to an agreement with an identical sick leave provision, such Employee shall be entitled to port their sick leave bank to the new Employer. The Employee's sick leave bank shall be frozen. Pursuant to Article 30.03, the Casual Employee shall not have access to the frozen sick leave bank.
- (iv) Where an Employee terminates their employment with the Employer, and within six (6) months of termination, obtains a regular or temporary position with an Employer who is also party to an agreement with an identical sick leave provision, such Employee shall be entitled to port and activate the sick leave bank from their previous Employer.
- 19.11 If an Employee requires time off for the purpose of attending a dental, physiotherapy, optical or medical appointment, provided they have been given prior authorization by the Employer, such absence shall be neither charged against their accumulated sick leave, nor shall the Employee suffer any loss of income provided such absence does not exceed two (2) hours during one (1) work day. If the absence is longer than two (2) hours, the whole period of absence shall be charged against their accumulated sick leave. Employees may be required to submit satisfactory proof of appointments.
- 19.12 The placement of an Employee in accordance with this Article shall not be construed as being a violation of the posting and/or scheduling provisions of Articles 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling Provisions and 14: Promotions, Transfers & Vacancies.

**ARTICLE 20: WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

20.01 An Employee who is incapacitated and unable to work, as a result of an accident sustained while on duty in the service of the Employer within the meaning of the *Workers' Compensation Act*, shall continue to receive full net salary provided the Employee assigns over to the Employer, on proper forms, the monies due from the Workers' Compensation Board for time lost due to accident. A deduction of 1/10<sup>th</sup> day shall be charged against sick leave credits for each day an Employee is off work. Employees shall only receive full net salary to the extent that 1/10<sup>th</sup> day can be deducted from sick leave credits, following which time the Employee will be deemed to be on sick leave without pay pursuant to Article 19.07(b).

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

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

20.03 The reinstatement of an Employee in accordance with this Article shall not be construed as being a violation of the posting and/or scheduling provisions of Articles 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling Provisions and 14: Promotions, Transfers & Vacancies.

**ARTICLE 21: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (SEE LOU PREPAID BENEFITS)**

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

- (a) Supplementary Benefits Plan which provides benefits at no less than those in place on October 1, 2007 inclusive of:
  - (i) Vision care coverage providing for annual eye exams and up to \$600 every two (2) calendar years per person for corrective lenses. This shall be inclusive of coverage for elective corrective laser eye surgery;
  - (ii) 80% direct payment provision for all medication prescribed by a qualified practitioner.
- (b) Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan;
- (c) The Health Benefits Trust of Alberta (HBTA) Benefits Plan or equivalent, inclusive of:
  - (i) Group Life Insurance (1X basic annual earnings rounded to next highest \$1,000);
  - (ii) Accidental Death and Dismemberment (basic) (1X basic annual earnings rounded to next highest \$1,000);
  - (iii) Short-Term Disability (income replacement for a period of up to 120 working days during a qualifying disability equal to 66 2/3% of basic weekly earnings to the established maximum following a 14 day elimination period where applicable. The Short-Term Disability shall become effective on the first working day following the expiry of sick leave credits in the case of absence due to injury or hospitalization. In the particular case of Employees who have insufficient sick leave credits to satisfy the 14 calendar day elimination period, the Short-Term Disability shall commence on the 15<sup>th</sup> day following the commencement of non-hospitalized sickness);
  - (iv) Long-Term Disability (income replacement during a qualifying disability equal to 66 2/3% of basic monthly earnings to the established maximum following a 120 working day elimination period);
  - (v) HBTA Dental Benefits Plan or equivalent inclusive of, the reimbursement of 80% of eligible Basic Services; 50% of eligible Extensive Services [including implants and appliances (appliances to include mouth guards for therapeutic use)], and 50% of eligible Orthodontic Services (including coverage for adults), in accordance with the current Alberta Blue Cross Usual and Customary Fee Guide. A maximum annual reimbursement of \$3000 per insured person per benefit year shall apply to Extensive Services. Orthodontic Services shall be subject to a lifetime maximum reimbursement of \$3000 per insured person.

- 21.02 (a) Where the benefits specified in Article 21.01 are provided through administrative or insurance contracts obtained by the Employer, the administration of such plans shall be subject to and governed by the terms and conditions of the policies or contracts entered into with the underwriters of the plan.
- (b) The parties agree that there shall be no substantive change to any benefits provided by the plan, without agreement between the Employer and the Union, unless such changes are required by legislation.

21.03 The premium costs shall be shared 75% by the Employer and 25% by the Employee.

21.04 The Employer shall distribute to all Employees brochures and other relevant information concerning the above plans, upon hiring and when there are changes to the plans.

- 21.05 (a) The Employer shall provide one (1) copy of each of the plans to the Provincial Office of the United Nurses of Alberta.
- (b) The Employer shall advise the United Nurses of Alberta of all premium rate changes pursuant to Article 21.01.

21.06 Such coverage shall be provided to Regular and Temporary Employees except for:

- (a) a Part-time Employee whose hours of work are fewer than 15 hours per week averaged over one (1) complete Cycle of the Shift Schedule; and
- (b) a Temporary Employee who is hired to work for a position of less than six (6) months;

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

21.07 Providing the Employee is actively at work:

- (a) supplementary health and dental plan benefits commence on the date of hire if the date of hire is the first of the month or for those hired after the first of the month benefits commence the first day of the month following the date of hire into a benefits eligible position; and
- (b) all other benefits commence on the date of hire into a benefits eligible position, or where applicable, the date the insurer approves the coverage.

## **ARTICLE 22: LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

### 22.01 *General Policies Governing Leaves of Absence*

- (a) Applications for leave of absence shall be made, in writing, to the Employer as early as possible in order that staff substitutions may be arranged. Applications shall indicate the date of departure on leave and the date of return.
- (b) Except as provided in Article 22.03 and 22.04, where an Employee is granted a leave of absence of more than a month's duration, and that Employee is covered by any or all of the plans specified in Article 21: Employee Benefits, that Employee may, subject to the Insurer's requirements, make prior arrangement for the prepayment of the full premiums for the applicable plans. Failure to submit the premium payments will result in the Employer discontinuing benefit coverage for that Employee.
- (c) With the exception of a leave of absence for Union or Local business, in the case of a leave of absence in excess of one (1) month, Employees shall cease to accrue sick leave and earned vacation to the extent that such leave exceeds one (1) month. The Employee's increment date shall also be adjusted by the same amount of time.
- (d) Employees shall not be entitled to Named Holidays with pay which may fall during the period of leave of absence.
- (e) During an Employee's leave of absence, the Employee may work as a Casual Employee with the Employer without adversely affecting the Employee's reinstatement to the position from which the Employee is on leave.
- (f) In reinstating an Employee under Article 22.04(f) or 22.05(a), the Employer will consult with the Employee and the Union over possible suitable placements and reinstate the Employee to a site suitable to the Employee, if possible. If that is not possible, the Employee will be reinstated to the Employee's former position.
- (g) Leave of absence without pay may be granted to an Employee at the discretion of the Employer and the Employee shall not work for gain during the period of leave of absence except with the express consent of the Employer. If a request for leave of absence is denied, the Employer will advise the Employee in writing of the reasons for the denial.

22.02 *Bereavement Leave*

- (a) Upon request, an Employee shall be granted reasonable leave of absence in the event of a death of a member of the Employee's immediate family (i.e. spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, guardian or fiancé(e), niece, nephew, aunt, uncle. Spouse shall include common-law and/or same sex relationship. Step-parent, step-children, step-brother and step-sister shall be considered as members of the Employee's immediate family). For the first five (5) calendar days of such leave of absence, the Employee shall suffer no loss of regular earnings. Bereavement leave may be extended by up to two (2) additional calendar days as may be necessitated by reason of travel to the funeral.
- (b) In the event of a death of another relative or close friend, the Employer may grant up to one (1) working day off with pay to attend the funeral services.

22.03 *Maternity Leave*

- (a) Employees who have completed their probationary period shall, upon their written request providing at least two (2) weeks advance notice where possible, be granted Maternity Leave to become effective 12 weeks immediately preceding the date of expected delivery or such shorter period as may be requested by the Employee, provided that they commence Maternity Leave no later than the date of delivery.
- (b) Maternity Leave shall be without pay and benefits, except for the portion of Maternity Leave during which the Employee has a valid health-related reason for being absent from work and is also in receipt of sick leave, EI SUB Plan benefits or disability benefits. Maternity Leave shall not exceed 18 months unless mutually agreed otherwise between the Employee and the Employer.
- (c) For the portion of Maternity Leave during which an Employee has a valid health-related reason for being absent from work and who is in receipt of sick leave, EI SUB Plan Benefits, STD or LTD; benefit plan premium payments shall be administered in the same fashion as an Employee absent due to illness.
- (d) Vacation accrual and time counted towards achieving another increment for the portion of Maternity Leave during which the Employee has a valid health-related reason for being absent from work and who is in receipt of sick leave, EI SUB Plan Benefits, STD or LTD, shall be administered in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Collective Agreement.
- (e) 75%:25% premium cost sharing will continue for 12 full weeks following the conclusion of the health-related period of Maternity Leave, provided that the Employee makes arrangements to prepay their share of the premium prior to the conclusion of the health-related period of Maternity Leave.

- (f) An Employee on such leave shall provide the Employer with at least four (4) weeks written notice of readiness to return to work. The Employer shall reinstate the Employee in the same position held by the Employee immediately prior to taking leave, or, if such is not possible, provide the Employee with alternate work of a comparable nature at not less than the same step in the pay scale and other benefits that accrued up to the date the Employee commenced leave.

22.04 *Adoption/Parental Leave*

- (a) Employees who have completed their probationary period shall, upon written request, be granted leave without pay and benefits for up to 18 months that is necessary for the purpose of adopting a child or for parenting duties following the birth of a child. An Employee on such leave shall provide the Employer with at least two (2) weeks written notice of readiness to return to work. The Employer shall reinstate the Employee in the same position held by the Employee immediately prior to taking leave, or, if such is not possible, provide the Employee with alternate work of a comparable nature at not less than the same step in the pay scale and other benefits that accrued to the Employee up to the date leave commenced.
- (b) The Employee may commence Adoption Leave upon one (1) days' notice provided that application for such leave is made when the adoption has been made in accordance with the *Alberta Adoption Regulation* and the Employer is kept informed of the progress of the adoption proceedings.
- (c) The Employee may commence Parental Leave with one (1) days' notice provided that the initial application for such leave is made 12 weeks prior to the expected date of delivery.
- (d) 75%:25% premium cost sharing will continue for 12 full weeks of Adoption/Parental Leave provided that the Employee makes arrangements to prepay their share of the premium prior to the commencement of the Adoption/Parental Leave.

22.05 *Educational Leave*

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



- (c) (i) An Employee registered at a university or college pursuing a nursing degree on the Employee's own time who consequently is required to fulfill requirements established by the university or college, may be granted three (3) working days leave at their Basic Rate of Pay per contract year to fulfill such attendance requirements. Prior to commencement of such studies, the Employee shall advise the Employer in writing of their intentions. Upon request, the Employee shall be required to provide proof of registration.
- (ii) An Employee registered to write the Gerontological Certification exam may be granted a maximum of two (2) working days leave at their Basic Rate of Pay for the purpose of preparing for and writing the certification exam.
- (iii) The Employer shall issue and make available to the Union a statement of policy in respect to leaves of absence and any other assistance which it may make available to Employees who desire to seek leave for educational purposes.

22.06 *Court Appearance*

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

22.07 *Personal Leave*

- (a) Each Employee shall be entitled to three (3) Personal Leave days each year, from April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Employees shall request such days as far in advance as possible. These days are for the purpose of attending to personal matters and family responsibilities, including attending appointments with family members. While the use of Personal Leave days is not restricted from being combined with vacation or long weekends where applicable and appropriate, Personal Leave days are not intended for the purposes of extending time off from work. Requests for Personal Leave shall not be unreasonably denied.
- (b) If employment commences on or after August 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, Personal Leave days will be pro-rated for the remainder of the year as follows:
  - (i) August 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>: two (2) Personal Leave days
  - (ii) December 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>: one (1) Personal Leave day.

22.08 *Caregiver Leaves*

- (a) *Compassionate/Terminal Care Leave*
  - (i) An Employee shall be entitled to leave of absence without pay but with benefits at the normal cost sharing, for a period of 27 weeks to care for a qualified relative with a serious medical condition with a significant risk of death within 26 weeks from the commencement of the leave.
  - (ii) “Qualified relative” for Compassionate/Terminal Care Leave means a person in a relationship to the Employee as defined in the *Alberta Employment Standards Code* and regulations.
  - (iii) At the request of the Employee, Compassionate/Terminal Care Leave may be taken in one (1) week increments.
  - (iv) Notwithstanding Article 22.01(a), an Employee shall apply for Compassionate/Terminal Care Leave at least two (2) weeks (or as soon as reasonably possible) in advance of the commencement of the leave and shall advise the Employer if they want to take the leave in weekly increments.
- (b) *Critical Illness Leave*
  - (i) An Employee who has completed at least 90 days of employment, and is a family member of a critically ill child or a critically ill qualified adult relative, is entitled to a leave of absence without pay:
    - for a period of up to 36 weeks to care for their critically ill child;

- for a period of up to 16 weeks to care for a critically ill qualified adult relative.
  - (ii) “Critically ill child” means a child, step-child, foster child or child who is under legal guardianship, and who is under 18 years of age for whom the Employee would be eligible for parents of critically ill child leave under the *Alberta Employment Standards Code* and regulations.
  - (iii) “Critically ill qualified adult relative” means a person in a relationship to the Employee for whom the Employee would be eligible for Critical Illness Leave under the *Alberta Employment Standards Code* and regulations.
  - (iv) At the request of the Employee, Critical Illness Leave may be taken in one (1) week increments.
  - (v) Notwithstanding Article 2201(a), an Employee shall apply for Critical Illness Leave at least two (2) weeks in advance of the commencement of the leave (or as soon as reasonably possible) and shall advise the Employer if they want to take the leave in weekly increments.
  - (vi) An Employee on leave of absence under Article 22.04 or 22.05 may request extension of such leave of absence, if the newborn is hospitalized and the Employee qualifies for Critical Illness of a Child Leave. Such extension shall equal the duration in which the Employee is on Critical Illness of a Child Leave.
- (c) Employees may be required to submit to the Employer satisfactory proof demonstrating the need for Compassionate/Terminal Care Leave or Critical Illness Leave.

22.09 *Military Leave*

An Employee who is required by military authorities to attend training or perform military services shall be granted leave without pay.

22.10 *Leave for Public Affairs*

- (a) The Employer recognizes the right of a Regular Employee to participate in public affairs. Therefore, upon written request, the Employer shall allow leave of absence without pay so that a Regular Employee may be a candidate in federal, provincial or municipal elections.
- (b) Regular Employees who are elected to public office shall be allowed leave of absence without pay for a period of time not to exceed four (4) years.

22.11 *Death or Disappearance of a Child Leave*

- (a) An Employee who is the parent of a child who has disappeared and it is probably, considering the circumstances, that the child disappeared as a result of a crime, shall be entitled to a leave of absence without pay or benefits for a period of up to 52 weeks.
- (b) An Employee who is the parent of a child who has died and it is probable, considering the circumstances, that the child died as a result of a crime, shall be entitled to a leave of absence without pay or benefits for a period of up to 104 weeks.
- (c) An Employee is not entitled to Death or Disappearance of a Child Leave if the Employee is charged with the crime that resulted in the death or disappearance of the child.
- (d) The period during which the Employee may take Death or Disappearance of a Child Leave:
  - (i) begins on the day on which the death or disappearance occurs, and
  - (ii) ends on the earliest of:
    - the length of the leave specified in Article 22.11(a) or (b), or
    - in the case of a child who disappears and is subsequently found alive, 14 days after the day on which the child is found, but no later than the end of the 52 week period, or
    - on the day on which the circumstances are such that it is no longer probable that the death or disappearance was the result of a crime.
  - (iii) An Employee who wishes to take Death or Disappearance of a Child Leave shall provide the Employer with written notice as soon as is reasonable in the circumstances and, if possible, the notice shall include the estimated date of the Employee's planned return to work. The Employee shall inform the Employer as soon as possible of any change in the estimated return to work date.
  - (iv) The Employee must provide the Employer with reasonable verification of the Employee's entitlement to the leave as soon as is reasonable in the circumstances.

22.12 *Domestic Violence Leave*

- (a) An Employee who has completed 90 days of employment and who has been subjected to domestic violence may require time off from work to address the situation and shall be entitled to leave of absence without pay for a period of up to ten (10) days in a calendar year.
- (b) An Employee may access applicable leaves of absence or banks such as sick leave, personal leave, court appearance leave, vacation, named holidays, time off in lieu of overtime and general leave without pay.
- (c) Personal information concerning domestic violence will be kept confidential by the Employer.
- (d) When an Employee reports that they are experiencing domestic violence, the Employer will complete a hazard assessment and, where appropriate, may facilitate alternate work arrangements.
- (e) Employees may be required to submit satisfactory proof to the Employer demonstrating the need for Domestic Violence Leave. Proof may be provided in the form of a copy of a court order, or documentation from a doctor, a family violence support service, a police officer or lawyer.

22.13 *Citizenship Ceremony Leave*

An Employee who has completed 90 days of employment is entitled to one (1) half day of leave without pay to attend a Citizenship Ceremony to receive a Certificate of Citizenship, as provided for under the *Citizenship Act (Canada)*.

**ARTICLE 23: DISCIPLINE, DISMISSAL AND RESIGNATION**

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

- 23.02 Unsatisfactory performance by an Employee which is considered by the Employer to be serious enough to be entered on the Employee's record, but not serious enough to warrant suspension or dismissal, shall result in a written warning to the Employee and a copy to the Union within ten (10) days of the date the Employer first became aware of, or reasonably should have become aware of the occurrence of the act. It shall state a definite period in which improvement or correction is expected and, at the conclusion of such time, the Employee's performance shall be reviewed with respect to the discipline. The Employee shall be informed in writing of the results of the review. The assignment of an improvement or correction period shall not act to restrict the Employer's right to take further action during said period, should the Employee's performance so warrant. A written warning that is grieved and determined to be unjustified shall be removed from the Employee's record.
- 23.03 In the event an Employee is suspended or dismissed, the Employer shall, provide written reasons for the suspension or dismissal to the Employee and the Union forthwith and in any event not later than five (5) days of the action being taken. Any suspension must take place immediately following notice of suspension. The action of suspension or dismissal shall be within ten (10) days of the date the Employer first became aware of, or reasonably should have become aware of the occurrence of the act giving rise to the suspension or dismissal. When the action involves a suspension, the notice shall specify the time period of the suspension.
- 23.04 An Employee who has been subject to disciplinary action may, after one (1) year of continuous service, exclusive of absences of 30 consecutive days or more, or in any event, after two (2) years of continuous service from the date the disciplinary measure was invoked, request in writing that the Employee's personnel file be cleared of any record of the disciplinary action. Such request shall be granted provided the Employee's file does not contain any further record of disciplinary action during the above period. The Employer shall confirm in writing to the Employee that such action has been effected.
- 23.05 The procedures stated in Articles 23.01, 23.02 and 23.03 do not prevent immediate suspension or dismissal for just cause.
- 23.06 Where circumstances permit, the Employer shall schedule a disciplinary discussion with the Employee by giving reasonable advance notice which shall not be less than 24 hours. At such discussion an Employee may be accompanied by a representative of the Union. The Employee shall be advised of this right at the time of the scheduling of the meeting.
- 23.07 In the event that an Employee is reported to their licensing body by the Employer, the Employee shall be so advised and a written copy shall be forwarded to the Union forthwith.
- 23.08 Employees absent for three (3) consecutive scheduled work days without good and proper reason and without notifying the Employer shall be considered to have terminated their services with the Employer.

- 23.09 Except for the dismissal of a probationary Employee, there shall be no suspension, dismissal or discipline except for just cause.
- 23.10 28 calendar days' notice, in writing, shall be given by the Employee who resigns.
- 23.11 Vacation pay on termination shall be paid in accordance with Article 17.04.

**ARTICLE 24: NO STRIKE OR LOCKOUT**

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

**ARTICLE 25: SALARIES**

- 25.01 Basic hourly salary scales and increments as set out in the Salary Appendix shall be applicable to all Employees covered by this Collective Agreement effective on the dates specified therein.
- 25.02 (a) Upon obtaining designation as an Alberta Registered Psychiatric Nurse:
- (i) a newly graduated nurse shall be paid the rate applicable to a Registered Psychiatric Nurse, retroactive to the date of successfully writing their registration examinations or the Employee's most recent date of employment, whichever is later; and
  - (ii) in all other cases, a nurse who is not registered on the date of employment and who subsequently is successful in obtaining registration shall be paid the rate applicable to a Registered Psychiatric Nurse, retroactive to the date of filing proof of application for Alberta Registration with the Employer or the Employee's most recent date of employment, whichever is later.
- (b) Upon becoming registered by the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, a Temporary Permit Holder (TPH):
- (i) if newly graduated from a basic nursing education program approved by the Nursing Education Program Approval Board (NEPAB) established by CARNA in accordance with the Health Professions Act (HPA), or one who has satisfied the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta that the Employee has completed a training program substantially equivalent to a NEPAB-approved nursing education program shall be paid the rate applicable to a Registered Nurse, retroactive to the date of successfully writing the Employee's course registration - examination or the Employee's most recent date of employment, whichever is later; and

- (ii) in all other cases, a Temporary Permit Holder who has applied for issuance of an annual certificate pursuant to the *Health Professions Act and Regulations*, and who subsequently qualifies to have their name entered into the register of Registered Nurses, shall be paid the rate applicable to a Registered Nurse.

Such payment will be retroactive to the date the temporary permit was issued unless the Employee had to write the examination more than once, in which case it will only be retroactive to the date the examination was successfully written.

- 25.03 Where the Employer establishes a new classification within the scope of this Collective Agreement or where a position is placed within the bargaining unit by a decision of the Labour Relations Board, the rates of pay applicable shall be subject to negotiation between the parties. Where mutual agreement is not obtained concerning the rates of pay, this matter shall be referred to Arbitration as provided within this Collective Agreement. An Arbitration Board in such a case shall have the power to establish a rate of pay for the classification in question.
- 25.04 Where the Employer has in place a system of depositing pay cheques in a bank on behalf of Employees, all Employees shall participate, providing that the deposit shall be made to the financial institution of the Employee's choice no later than 0800 on the designated pay day.
- 25.05 Except where payroll cheques or slips are distributed directly to the Employee by the payroll office, the Employer shall issue such cheques or slips in a manner which holds private information on such documents.
- 25.06 The Employee's payroll cheque stub shall display the purpose and amount of each item of income. The Employee's payroll cheque stub shall display the purpose and amount of each deduction.
- 25.07 An Employee may request and shall be given information related to sick leave, vacation, overtime accumulation and days in lieu of Named Holidays. The Employer will provide this information within five (5) working days, excluding weekends and Named Holidays. The format of this information may vary depending on the Employer's information system.

## **ARTICLE 26: EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCES**

- 26.01 (a) For the purpose of establishing an Employee's Basic Rate of Pay, the Employer will recognize courses, diplomas and degrees relevant to Registered Nursing or Registered Psychiatric Nursing practice offered by bona fide post-secondary educational institutions. With respect to gerontological certification, the certification must be provided by the Canadian Nurses Association.



<i>Course</i>	<i>Hourly Allowance</i>
Clinical Course	50¢
Gerontological Certification	70¢
Active registration in the CARNA plus Degree or Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing or a Diploma or Degree in Nursing plus active registration in CRPNA)	50¢
Diploma/Certificate in Nursing Unit Administration	50¢
One Year Diploma	50¢
Baccalaureate Degree	\$1.25
Master's Degree	\$1.50
Doctorate	\$1.75

(b) An educational allowance for Baccalaureate Degree pursuant to Article 26.01(a) shall be payable only upon the Employee providing the Employer with satisfactory proof that the Baccalaureate Degree is:

(i) a Nursing Baccalaureate Degree program recognized:

(A) by the Nursing Education Program Advisory Board (NEPAB) established by CARNA in accordance with the Health Professions Act (HPA); or

(B) by CARNA as being a training program substantially equivalent to a NEPAB-approved Baccalaureate Degree program; or

(ii) for a Baccalaureate Degree other than for Nursing, a program recognized as equivalent to a Baccalaureate Degree by the International Qualifications Assessment Service of the Alberta Government.

26.02 The allowances for a clinical course and for the diploma/certificate in Nursing Unit Administration are payable only when the course is applicable to the position held by the Employee.

26.03 Allowances for education are not cumulative and an Employee shall be paid only for the highest qualification attained.

26.04 Allowances for education shall be paid from the date the Employee provides proof of qualifications to the Employer retroactive to the date the Employee completed the requirements of the qualification or from the date of hire, whichever is the later.

**ARTICLE 27: RECOGNITION OF PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE**

27.01 When an Employee has experience satisfactory to the Employer, the Employee's starting salary shall be adjusted as follows:

(a) Experience prior to a five (5) year lapse will not be recognized.

- (b) All experience satisfactory to the Employer shall be recognized on a one-for-one basis, up to the top increment in the salary scale.
- (c) If a Registered Nurse or Registered Psychiatric Nurse has completed a nursing refresher course within the past 12 months, the Employer will recognize experience that is more than five (5) years old.

27.02 Additional time worked and not credited for purposes of initial placement on the salary scale shall be applied towards the calculation of the next increment.

## **ARTICLE 28: SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL AND WEEKEND PREMIUM**

### 28.01 *Shift Differential*

- (a) A Shift differential of \$2.75 per hour shall be paid:
  - (i) to Employees working a Shift where the majority of such Shift falls within the period of 1500 hours to 2300 hours; or
  - (ii) to Employees for each regularly scheduled hour worked between 1500 hours to 2300 hours provided that greater than one (1) hour is worked between 1500 hours and 2300 hours.
  - (iii) to Employees for all overtime hours worked which fall within the period of 1500 hours to 2300 hours.
  - (iv) Notwithstanding (ii) above, for Employees working a regular Shift that concludes between 1500 and 1700 hours, no Shift differential will be paid.
- (b) A Shift differential of \$5.00 per hour shall be paid:
  - (i) to Employees working a Shift where the majority of such Shift falls within the period of 2300 hours to 0700 hours; or
  - (ii) to Employees for each regularly scheduled hour worked between 2300 hours to 0700 hours provided that greater than one (1) hour is worked between 2300 hours and 0700 hours.
  - (iii) to Employees for all overtime hours worked which fall within the period of 2300 hours to 0700 hours.
- (c) No Employee shall receive payment under Article 28.01(a) and 28.01(b) concurrently.

28.02 *Weekend Premium*

A weekend premium of \$3.25 per hour shall be paid:

- (a) to Employees working a Shift wherein the majority of such Shift falls within a 64 hour period commencing at 1500 hours on a Friday; or
- (b) to Employees working each regularly scheduled hour worked after 1500 hours on a Friday provided that greater than one (1) hour is worked within a 64 hour period commencing at 1500 hours on a Friday.
- (c) to Employees working all overtime hours which fall within the 64 hour period commencing at 1500 hours on a Friday.
- (d) Notwithstanding (b) above, for Employees working a regular Shift that concludes between 1500 hours and 1700 hours on a Friday, no weekend premium will be paid for hours worked on the Friday.

28.03 All premiums payable under this Article shall not be considered as part of the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay.

**ARTICLE 29: PENSION PLAN**

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

29.02 Where an eligible Part-time Employee requests enrollment in a pension plan referred to in Article 29.01, the Employer shall facilitate such enrollment by providing the Employee with the necessary forms and submitting such forms as may be necessary to the applicable plan forthwith.

29.03 Where the Employee requests within five (5) years of the Employee's date of hire to have the Employee's first year of employment recognized as pensionable service, the Employer shall facilitate such arrangements as may be necessary and shall pay the Employer's portion of the contributions for the first year of service.

29.04 The Employer shall distribute to all Employees brochures and other relevant material outlining the above Plan prior to eligibility for the above Plan and when there are changes to the Plan.

29.05 (a) The Employer shall provide a supplemental pension plan in the form of a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP).

- (b) Effective on the Employee's date of enrolment into the RRSP, a Regular Employee shall have the right to contribute up to 2% of their regular earnings into the RRSP until December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year the Employee turns 71. The Employer shall match the Employee's contributions into the RRSP.
- (c) A Regular Employee who, by virtue of their age, no longer qualifies under Article 29.05(b) shall receive an additional 2% of their regular earnings.
- (d) "Earnings" as defined in Article 29.05(b) above, will include WCB earnings until such time that the Employee exhausts their sick leave credits and is deemed to be on sick leave without pay.

### **ARTICLE 30: PART-TIME, TEMPORARY AND CASUAL EMPLOYEES**

#### 30.01 *Part-time Employees*

Except as modified in Article 30.01, all provisions of this Collective Agreement shall apply to Part-time Employees.

##### (a) *Hours of Work*

Amend Article 7.01(a) to read:

- 7.01 (a) (i) Regular hours of work for Part-time Employees, exclusive of meal periods, shall be as scheduled by the Employer but shall be less than those for Full-time Employees. They may be less than 7.75 hours per day and in any event, shall be less than 38.75 hours per week averaged over one (1) complete Cycle of the Shift Schedule.
- (ii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, where mutually agreed, a Part-time Employee may work full-time hours in special circumstances such as vacation, sick leave or absence from work by an Employee for any reason.
- (iii) At time of hire or transfer, the Employer shall state in writing a specific number of hours per Shift and Shifts per Shift cycle which shall constitute the regular hours of work for each Part-time Employee. Such hours and Shifts shall not be altered except by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Employee or by the operation of the provisions of this Collective Agreement.
- (iv) A Part-time Employee may work Shifts in addition to those specified in Article 30.01.

- (v) Where a Part-time Employee volunteers or agrees, when requested, to work additional Shifts which are not designated as the Employee's scheduled days of rest, the Employee shall be paid the Employee's basic rate for hours worked up to 7.75 hours in a day and at 2X the applicable basic hourly rate for those hours worked in excess of 7.75 hours in a day.
- (vi) Where the Employer requires a Part-time Employee to work without the Employee having volunteered or agreed to do so or on their scheduled day of rest, the Employee shall be paid 2X the applicable basic hourly rate for work performed.

(b) *Shift Schedules*

- (i) Amend Article 7.02(g) to read:

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

- (i) at least 15 hours off duty between Shifts;
- (ii) an average of two (2) consecutive days per week, and a total of eight (8) days each four (4) week period shall be scheduled as designated days of rest;
- (iii) not more than six (6) consecutive scheduled days of work;
- (iv) designated days of rest to occur on 1/2 of the weekends, averaged over one (1) complete Cycle of the Shift Schedule, provided that an Employee shall not be scheduled to work more than two (2) consecutive weekends. "Weekend" means a Saturday and the following Sunday, assuring a minimum of 56 hours off duty, provided not more than one (1) hour is worked on the Sunday. Provided however that, when scheduling considerations make compliance with the requirement that designated days of rest fall on a weekend impracticable, such will not be required. Such deviation shall be stipulated in the written advice required pursuant to Article 30.01:7.01(a)(iii).

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

7.02 (h) Two (2) optional scheduling systems are available which may be applied upon mutual agreement, in writing, between the Employer and the Union. Where an option is applied, the relevant provisions of Article 30.01(b):7.02(g) shall be as follows:

**OPTION 1**

- (i) at least 15 hours off duty between Shifts;
- (ii) an average of two (2) consecutive days per week, and a total of eight (8) days each four (4) week period shall be scheduled as designated days of rest;
- (iii) not more than seven (7) consecutive scheduled days of work to occur not more than once in a four (4) week cycle;
- (iv) designated days of rest to occur on alternate weekends. One (1) weekend in each four (4) week period shall be an extended weekend. "Weekend" means a Saturday and the following Sunday, assuring a minimum of 56 hours off duty, provided not more than one (1) hour is worked on the Sunday. Provided however that, when scheduling considerations make compliance with the requirement that designated days of rest fall on a weekend impracticable, such will not be required. Such deviation shall be stipulated in the written advice required pursuant to Article 30.01:7.01(a)(iii).

**OPTION II**

- (i) at least 15 hours off duty between Shifts;
- (ii) an average of two (2) consecutive days per week, and a total of eight (8) days each four (4) week period shall be scheduled as designated days of rest;
- (iii) not more than seven (7) consecutive scheduled days of work to occur not more than twice in a six (6) week cycle;

- (iv) designated days of rest on three (3) weekends in a six (6) week period, one of which will be an extended weekend. "Weekend" means a Saturday and the following Sunday, assuring a minimum of 56 hours off duty, provided not more than one (1) hour is worked on the Sunday. Provided however that, when scheduling considerations make compliance with the requirement that designated days of rest fall on a weekend impracticable, such will not be required. Such deviation shall be stipulated in the written advice required pursuant to Article 30.01:7.01(a)(iii).
- (iii) Violation of any provision of Article 30.01 shall result in payment to each affected Employee at 2X the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay for all regular hours worked during the period of violation.

(c) *Increment Accrual*

- (i) Part-time Employees and Casual Employees shall be entitled to an increment on the completion of 2022.75 regular hours of work and thereafter a further increment upon the completion of each period of 1829 regular hours actually worked to the maximum increment granted Full-time Employees.
- (ii) For Part-time Employees, leave of absence for Union business, other leaves of absence not exceeding one (1) month, periods of sick leave with pay and while in receipt of Workers' Compensation benefits shall be considered as hours worked for the purpose of calculating increments in accordance with Article 30.01(c)(i).
- (iii) For Part-time Employees, educational leave up to 24 months shall be considered as hours worked for the purpose of calculating increments in accordance with Article 30.01(c)(i).

(d) *Vacations with Pay*

- (i) Amend Article 17.02 to read:
  - 17.02 (a) Only those hours of work paid at the Basic Rate of Pay, hours worked on a Named Holiday to a maximum of 7.75 hours, and periods of sick leave with pay will be recognized for the purpose of determining vacation pay or entitlement.

- (b) During each year of continuous service in the employ of the Employer, an Employee shall commence earning entitlement to a vacation with pay to be taken in the next following vacation year and the rate at which such entitlement is earned shall be governed by the position held by the Employee and the total length of service in accordance with the following:

*Staff Nurse*

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

Hours worked during the vacation year at the rate specified in Article 30.01 (d)(i): (17.02(a))	X	The applicable % outlined below	=	Number of hours of paid vacation time to be taken in the next following vacation year
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- (a) 6% during the 1<sup>st</sup> employment year;
- (b) 8% during each of the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> employment years;
- (c) 10% during each of the 10<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> employment years;
- (d) 12% during each of the 20<sup>th</sup> and subsequent employment years.
- (e) Regular Part-time Employees shall earn supplementary vacation with pay calculated in hours in accordance with the following formula:

Hours worked during the vacation year at the rate specified in Article 30.01 (d)(i): (17.02(a))	X	The applicable % outlined below	=	Number of hours of paid supplementary vacation time to be taken in the current supplementary vacation period.
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- (i) Upon reaching the employment anniversary of 25 years of continuous service, Employees shall have earned an additional 2%.
  - (ii) Upon reaching the employment anniversary of 30 years of continuous service, Employees shall have earned an additional 2%.
  - (iii) Upon reaching the employment anniversary of 35 years of continuous service, Employees shall have earned an additional 2%.
  - (iv) Upon reaching the employment anniversary of 40 years of continuous service, Employees shall have earned an additional 2%.
  - (v) Upon reaching the employment anniversary of 45 years of continuous service, Employees shall have earned an additional 2%.
- (f) *Employee with Less than a Year of Service*
- An Employee who has less than one (1) year of service prior to the first day of April in any one (1) year shall be entitled to a vacation calculated on the number of months from the date of employment in proportion to which the number of months of the Employee's service bears to 12 months.
- (g) Where a voluntarily terminated Employee commences employment within six (6) months of date of termination of employment with either the same Employer or another Employer, such Employee shall accrue vacation entitlement as though the Employee's employment had been continuous. The Employer shall provide the Employee with a written statement of the Employee's vacation entitlement upon termination.

(ii) Amend Article 17.04(a) to read:

17.04 (a) If an Employee is terminated and proper notice given, vacation pay earned to the date of termination pursuant to Article 30.01(d) will be paid in compliance with Article 17.04(c).

(e) *Named Holidays*

Amend Article 18: Named Holidays to read:

18.01 Part-time Employees shall be paid in addition to their Basic Rate of Pay a sum equal to 5% of their regular earnings in lieu of Named Holidays inclusive of the "Floater" holiday.

18.02 (a) A Part-time Employee required to work on a Named Holiday shall be paid at 1 1/2X the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay for work performed up to 7.75 hours.

(b) Notwithstanding Article 18.02(a), a Part-time Employee required to work on the August Civic Holiday or Christmas Day shall be paid at 2X the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay for work performed up to 7.75 hours.

(c) A Part-time Employee who is obliged to work overtime on a Named Holiday shall be paid as follows:

(i) for all overtime worked on a Named Holiday 2.5X their Basic Rate of Pay.

(ii) for all overtime worked on the August Civic Holiday and Christmas Day 3X their Basic Rate of Pay.

18.03 (a) Unless otherwise requested an Employee shall be scheduled so as to provide the Employee with days off on at least three (3) of the actual Named Holidays. Unless otherwise requested by the Employee, one (1) of these three (3) Named Holidays shall be either Christmas or New Year's Day.

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

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

(c) Where a Part-time Employee is not scheduled to work on what would otherwise be a regular work day directly as a result of a Named Holiday, those hours may, at the request of the Employee, be rescheduled in the Cycle of the Shift Schedule. This may occur in a program that is not working on a 24/7 operation such as a Monday to Friday day support program.

(f) *Sick Leave*

Amend Article 19.02 to read:

19.02 A Part-time Employee shall accumulate sick leave benefits on the basis of 1 1/2 days per month, pro-rated on the basis of the regularly scheduled hours worked by the Part-time Employee in relation to the regularly scheduled hours for a Full-time Employee.

### 30.02 *Temporary Employees*

(a) A Temporary Employee shall be covered by the terms of this Collective Agreement, except that a Temporary Employee shall have no rights under Article 15: Layoff and Recall.

(b) At the time of hire or transfer to a temporary position the Employer shall state in writing a specific number of hours per Shift and Shifts per Shift cycle which shall constitute the regular hours of work for the position. Subject to the right of the Employer to release such Employee when no longer required in that capacity or on completion of the expected term of the position, the aforementioned confirmation shall specify the expected term of the temporary position.

(c) An Employee occupying a temporary position shall not have the right to grieve placement pursuant to Article 14.02, if so eligible, or termination of their employment pursuant to Article 30.02(b).

### 30.03 *Casual Employees*

Except as modified in this Article, all provisions of the Collective Agreement shall apply to Casual Employees except that the following Articles shall have no application to Casual Employees:

- Article 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling Provisions - 7.01(a), 7.02, 7.03, 7.04
- Article 12: Seniority

- Article 15: Layoff and Recall
- Article 17: Vacations with Pay
- Article 18: Named Holidays
- Article 19: Sick Leave, except Article 19.10(b)
- Article 20: Workers' Compensation
- Article 21: Employee Benefits, and
- Article 22: Leaves of Absence.

(a) *Hours of Work*

- (i) No Casual Employee shall be scheduled except with the Employee's consent. Except where a Casual Employee is scheduled for a specific job or relieves for absences, the duration of which is three (3) months or less, advance notice of scheduling shall not exceed seven (7) calendar days.
- (ii) Where a Casual Employee is transferred to a position pursuant to Article 14.02, the Employee shall receive the benefits of a Temporary Employee while filling that position.
- (iii) Where a Casual Employee is regularly scheduled under the provisions of Article 2.05(b)(ii) and (iii) the scheduling provisions of Article 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling Provisions shall apply.
- (iv) (A) In the event that a Casual Employee reports to work as scheduled or called and the Employer cancels the Employee's Shift, the Employee shall be paid four (4) hours pay at the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay.  
  
(B) If fewer than four (4) hours remain in the scheduled Shift, the Employee shall be paid for the remaining hours of the scheduled Shift at the Employee's applicable rate of pay, exclusive of Shift differential and weekend premium payments. This does not apply in situations where the start time of the scheduled Shift has been changed.
- (v) A Casual Employee shall be entitled to overtime worked in excess of 155 hours averaged over a four (4) week period (with a starting point established as the first day of the first pay period following 90 days from the date of ratification of this Collective Agreement).

(b) *Increment Accrual*

Casual Employees shall be entitled to an increment on the completion of 1920.75 regular hours of work and thereafter a further increment upon the completion of each period of 1829 regular hours actually worked to the maximum increment granted Full-time Employees.

(c) *Vacation*

In the case of Casual Employees, amend Article 17: Vacations With Pay to read:

- 17.02 (a) Casual Employees shall be paid, in addition to their Basic Rate of Pay, a sum equal to:
- (i) 6% of their regular earnings during the 1<sup>st</sup> employment year;
  - (ii) 8% of their regular earnings during the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> employment years;
  - (iii) 10% of their regular earnings during the 10<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> employment years;
  - (iv) 12% of their regular earnings during the 20<sup>th</sup> and subsequent employment years;
  - (v) 12.4% of their regular earnings during the 25<sup>th</sup> and subsequent employment years; in lieu of vacations with pay.
- (b) Casual Employees shall receive payment in lieu of vacations with pay to which they are entitled following each pay period.

(d) *Named Holidays*

Amend Article 18: Named Holidays to read:

- 18.01 Casual Employees shall be paid in addition to their Basic Rate of Pay a sum equal to 5% of their regular earnings in lieu of Named Holidays inclusive of the "Floater" holiday.
- 18.02 (a) A Casual Employee required to work on a Named Holiday shall be paid at 1 1/2X the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay for work performed up to 7.75 hours.
- (b) Notwithstanding Article 18.02 (a), a Casual Employee required to work on the August Civic Holiday or Christmas Day shall be paid at 2X the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay for work performed up to 7.75 hours.
- (c) A Casual Employee who is obliged to work overtime on a Named Holiday shall be paid as follows:
- (i) for all overtime worked on a Named Holiday 2.5X their Basic Rate of Pay.

- (ii) for all overtime worked on the August Civic Holiday and Christmas Day 3X their Basic Rate of Pay.
- 18.03 (a) An Employee shall be scheduled so as to provide the Employee with days off on at least three (3) of the actual Named Holidays. Unless otherwise requested by the Employee, one (1) of these three (3) Named Holidays shall be either Christmas or New Year's Day.
  - (b)
    - (i) An Employee granted Christmas Day off in accordance with Article 18.03(a) above, shall be scheduled such that the Employee shall have two (2) consecutive days where the Employee will not be obliged to work (i.e. December 24 and 25; or December 25 and 26).
    - (ii) An Employee granted New Year's Day off in accordance with Article 18.03(a) above, shall be scheduled such that the Employee shall have two (2) consecutive days where the Employee shall not be obliged to work (i.e. December 31 and January 1; or January 1 and 2).
  - (e) Casual Employees shall be eligible for Workers' Compensation benefits in accordance with the laws of Alberta.
  - (f) In the event Employees are required to serve as a witness in matters arising out of their employment, the Employee shall be granted leave of absence at their regular rate of pay, provided that any reimbursement paid to the Employee for this appearance is paid to the Employer.

**ARTICLE 31: COPIES OF COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

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

**ARTICLE 32: DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS**

32.01 *Purpose*

The parties agree to the following dispute Resolution Process in order to resolve any difference related to the application, interpretation or operation of this Collective Agreement in an effort to maintain and enhance the provision of quality health care services.

The parties agree that the purpose of the Dispute Resolution Process is to:

- (a) encourage open, face-to-face dialogue between the people affected by a dispute;
- (b) achieve timely and equitable resolutions to identified issues as close to the source as possible;
- (c) contribute to and support a positive, harmonious work environment and Employee and manager job satisfaction;
- (d) recognize and respect the roles, interests and accountabilities of all involved;
- (e) minimize the time and costs involved in resolving disputes; and
- (f) achieve solutions that are consistent with the terms of this Collective Agreement.

32.02 *Communication*

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

32.03 *Definition of Time Periods*

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

32.04 *Meetings*

- (a) An Employee shall have the right to be accompanied by a Union representative at any meeting described in this Article.
- (b) For purposes of this Article, meetings can be held face-to-face, via telephone or videoconference. Efforts to meet in-person will be made by both parties to the greatest extent possible.

- (c) Meetings at any stage of the Dispute Resolution Process may be held during the normal working day with no loss of pay for a participating Employee. Travel compensation shall also be provided in accordance with Article 10: Transportation.

32.05 *Disputes Affecting More Than One (1) Employee*

If a dispute directly affects two (2) or more Employees, it may be initiated under Article 32.08.

32.06 *Disputes Relating to Written Warning, Suspension or Termination*

If a dispute relates to a written warning, suspension or dismissal, it may be initiated under Article 32.08.

32.07 *Initial Problem-Solving Stage*

- (a) Employees and managers, with or without representation, shall first attempt to resolve any dispute through discussion with the person(s) with whom there is a dispute.
- (b) The parties agree to share information relevant to the dispute with one another on a without prejudice basis.
- (c) The discussion should include an open, respectful exchange of the interests of the persons directly affected by the dispute, an exploration of potential options to resolve the dispute and mutually acceptable solutions. All discussions at this stage are on a without prejudice and without precedent basis.
- (d) If the dispute is not resolved satisfactorily, it may then become a grievance and be advanced to the formal dispute resolution stage.

32.08 *Formal Dispute Resolution – Grievance Filing*

- (a) The grievance shall specify the details of the dispute, the Articles of the Collective Agreement affected and the desired resolution.
- (b) A grievance shall be initiated within ten (10) days of the date the Employee, Employer, or the Union first became aware of or reasonably should have become aware of the occurrence of the act causing the grievance.



- (c) The parties shall meet for the purpose of resolving the grievance within 20 days from the date the grievance was submitted. The parties agree to share information relevant to the dispute with one another on a without prejudice basis and to engage in meaningful discussion. The representatives of the parties at the meeting shall have the authority to resolve the grievance, and the ability to obtain any necessary additional authority and communicate their position within two (2) working days of the meeting. The Employer or the Union shall communicate its decision, in writing within seven (7) days of the meeting.
- (d)
  - (i) If a resolution is achieved at or following the Article 32.08(c) resolution meeting, the agreement shall be confirmed in writing by the parties.
  - (ii) If a resolution is not achieved at or following the Article 32.08(c) resolution meeting, the grievance may be advanced to Arbitration within seven (7) days of the receipt of the decision.

32.09 *Mediation*

- (a) Following attempts to resolve the dispute, the parties may agree to mediation. The mediator shall be mutually agreed upon by the Union and the Employer.
  - (i) The mediator shall, within ten (10) calendar days, meet with the parties, investigate the dispute and define the issues in dispute.
  - (ii) During the proceedings, the parties shall fully disclose all materials and information relevant to the issue(s) in dispute.
  - (iii) The purpose of the mediator's involvement in the grievance process is to assist the parties in reaching a resolution of the dispute, and anything said, proposed, generated or prepared for the purpose of trying to achieve a settlement is to be considered privileged, and shall not be used for any other purpose.
  - (iv) The grievance may be resolved by mutual agreement between the parties. The parties may request that the mediator issue a report including non-binding recommendations.
- (b) The timelines specified at each step of the grievance and Arbitration process shall apply unless the parties have mutually agreed, in writing, to extend the applicable timeline to accommodate the mediation process.
- (c) The expenses of the mediator shall be borne equally by both parties.

32.11 *Arbitration*

- (a) Either of the parties wishing to submit a grievance to Arbitration shall notify the other party in writing.

- (b) Within ten (10) days after receipt of notification provided for in Article 32.10 above, the parties shall attempt to agree upon an arbitrator hereinafter listed for the dispute.
- (c) In the event that mutual agreement regarding the appointment of an arbitrator is not achieved, the parties shall, within ten (10) days after receipt of notification provided for in Article 32.10 above, randomly select one (1) of the following arbitrators to hear the Arbitration:

Tom Jolliffe	Cheryl Yingst-Bartel
David Phillip Jones	Lyle Kanee
Andrew C. L. Sims	David Tettensor
Rick Wilson	Mark Asbel

Note: The parties may mutually agree to amend the above list.

- (d) Where one (1) of the parties determines that they need to have the issue heard by an Arbitration Board rather than a sole arbitrator, they shall advise the other party of this prior to the selection of the arbitrator. Both parties shall advise one another the name of their appointee to the Arbitration Board prior to the selection of the arbitrator.
- (e) After the arbitrator has been selected the arbitrator shall meet with the parties within 30 days and hear such evidence as the parties may desire to present, assure a full, fair hearing, and shall render the decision, in writing, to the parties within 60 days after the completion of the hearing.
- (f) The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties.
- (g) The Arbitration decision shall be governed by the terms of this Collective Agreement and shall not alter, amend or change the terms of this Collective Agreement; however, where an arbitrator, by way of an award, determines that an Employee has been discharged or otherwise disciplined by an Employer for cause and the Collective Agreement does not contain a specific penalty for the infraction that is the subject matter of the Arbitration, the arbitrator may substitute any penalty for the discharge or discipline that to the arbitrator seems just and reasonable in all the circumstances.
- (h) Where an arbitrator, by way of an award, determines that the Collective Agreement has been violated, the arbitrator may issue a declaration that the Collective Agreement has been violated and may order the affected party to comply with the Collective Agreement, even if this remedy was not specifically sought in the grievance. An arbitrator may order compensation if appropriate.
- (i) The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the two (2) parties to the dispute.

- (j) Any of the time limits herein contained in Arbitration proceedings may be extended if mutually agreed to in writing by the parties.

### **ARTICLE 33: JOB DESCRIPTION**

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

### **ARTICLE 34: OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY**

34.01 The parties recognize the need for a safe and healthy workplace. The Employer shall be responsible for providing safe and healthy working conditions. The Employer and Employees will take all reasonable steps to eliminate, reduce or minimize all workplace safety hazards. Occupational health and safety education, training and instruction provided by the Employer, shall be paid at the Basic Rate of Pay, to fulfill the requirements for training, instruction or education set out in the *Occupational Health and Safety Act, Regulation or Code*.

- 34.02
- (a) There shall be an Occupational Health and Safety Committee (Committee), which shall be composed of representatives of the Employer and representatives of the Union and may include others representing recognized functional bargaining units. This Committee shall meet once a month and, in addition, shall meet within ten (10) days of receiving a written complaint regarding occupational health or safety. An Employee shall be paid the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay for attendance at Committee meetings. The Employer shall provide training at no cost to all Employees on the Committee to assist them in performing their duties on the Committee. Training shall be paid at the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay.
  - (b) Minutes of each meeting shall be taken and shall be approved by the Employer, the Union, and other bargaining groups, referred to in (a), prior to circulation.
  - (c) The purpose of the Committee is to consider such matters as Occupational Health and Safety and the Union may make recommendations to the Employer in that regard.
  - (d) If an issue arises regarding occupational health or safety, the Employee or the Union shall first seek to resolve the issue through discussion with the applicable immediate supervisor in an excluded management position. If the issue is not resolved satisfactorily, it may then be forwarded to the Committee in writing.

- (e) The Committee shall also consider measures necessary to ensure the security of each Employee on the Employer's premises and the Union may make recommendations to the Employer in that regard.
- (f)
  - (i) Should an issue not be resolved by the Committee, the issue shall be referred to the Chief Operating Officer (COO). A resolution meeting between the Union and the COO, or their designate(s), shall take place within 21 calendar days of the issue being referred to the COO. The COO or designate(s) shall reply in writing to the Union within seven (7) calendar days of the resolution meeting.
  - (ii) Should the issue remain unresolved following the COO's written response the Union may request and shall have the right to present its recommendation(s) to the Board of Trustees of the Hospital concerned. The Board shall reply in writing to the Union within 14 calendar days of the presentation by the Union.
- (g) The parties will provide available relevant information in a timely fashion to allow for meaningful discussion of the issue(s).

34.03

- (a) No Employee shall be assigned to work alone on a unit.
- (b) Where an Employee is assigned to work alone in other than a unit, the Employer shall have in place a policy and procedure to support a Working Alone Safety Plan which shall be reviewed annually by the Committee. Employees shall be provided with and required to use the hazard controls specified within the applicable Working Alone Safety Plan.

34.04

Where an Employee requires specific immunization and titre, as a result of or related to the Employee's work, it shall be provided at no cost.

34.05

- (a) The Employer shall have in place a harassment policy which shall be reviewed annually by the Committee.
- (b) There shall be a policy supporting zero tolerance of staff abuse which shall be reviewed annually by the Committee. Signs shall be posted in public areas to give notification of this.

34.06

The Employer shall:

- (a) conduct ongoing hazard assessments. Such assessments shall review:
  - (i) engineering controls,
  - (ii) administrative policies, procedures and compliance; and
  - (iii) appropriate personal protective devices and other equipment.

- (b) share information with and obtain input from the Committee pertaining to all hazard assessments.
- 34.07 No regularly scheduled Shift shall begin or end between the hours of 2400 and 0600 hours without prior consultation with the Union.
- 34.08 The Employer shall implement a Psychological Health and Safety Plan consistent with the current Canadian Standards Association Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace Standard. Aspects of this plan relevant to a particular workplace may be reviewed annually by the Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

**ARTICLE 35: PROFESSIONAL FEES AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

- (d) The Employer shall provide in-service education to ensure that each Employee has the opportunity to attend not less than 23 hours per year. The 23 hours shall be in addition to any hours necessary for the compulsory in-service as provided for in Article 35.01(b) and a yearly workshop for the purpose of explaining the pension plan to the Employees, as well as an in-service on prevention and management of workplace violence.
- (e) The Employer shall make available in each Facility no fewer than five (5) current nursing journals.

35.02 *Professional Development Days*

Upon request, each Employee shall be granted at least three (3) professional development days annually, at the Basic Rate of Pay. An Employee shall be advised, prior to taking any professional development days of any transportation, registration fees, subsistence and other expenses that will be paid by the Employer.

Such hours not used in each fiscal year shall not be carried forward into subsequent years.

Applications for such paid professional development opportunities shall be made in writing, to the Employer as early as possible.

- 35.03 (a) The Employer will reimburse Employees (who at the beginning of their next registration year have active registration in their Professional College) \$250 for their dues if they have accumulated 684.6 or more regular hours actually worked in the previous fiscal year.
- (b) Regular hours actually worked in clause (a) includes:
  - (i) Leaves of absence for Union or Local business;
  - (ii) Other leaves of absence of one (1) month or less;
  - (iii) Time on sick leave with pay;
  - (iv) Absences while receiving Worker's Compensation; and
  - (v) Educational leave up to 24 months.
  - (vi) Maternity, Parental, Compassionate/Terminal Care, Critical Illness of a Child, or Death or Disappearance of Child Leaves.
- (c) Professional College dues means dues paid to those who, at the beginning of the next registration year, have active registration with either:
  - (i) The College and Association of Registered Nurses;
  - (ii) The College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta; or

- (iii) Any alternative Professional College acceptable to the Employer.

**ARTICLE 36: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- 36.01
- (a) A Professional Responsibility Committee (Committee) shall be established with at least three (3) and up to five (5) Employees elected by the Union and equal number representatives of the Employer. A Chairperson shall be elected from amongst the Committee. The Committee shall meet at least once a month at a regularly appointed time, and within ten (10) days of receiving a written description of the issue regarding patient/resident/client care.
  - (b) The functions of such Committee are to examine and make recommendations regarding the concerns of Employees or the Employer relative to patient/resident/client care.
  - (c) A Chair shall be elected from amongst the Committee. The Committee shall meet at least once a month at a regularly appointed time, and within ten (10) days of receiving a written description of the issue regarding patient/resident/client care.
  - (d) A request to establish separate committees for each site or a grouping of sites shall not be unreasonably denied.
  - (e) Agendas for each meeting will be circulated prior to each meeting. Minutes of each meeting will be kept. The minutes of the Committee shall be approved by both parties prior to circulation. Unresolved items from previous meetings will be highlighted and reviewed.
  - (f) Where an issue is specific to one (1) unit, the Employee or Local shall discuss the issue with the most immediate supervisor in an excluded management position before the matter is discussed at the Committee.
  - (g) The parties will provide available relevant information to allow for meaningful discussion of the issues. The parties will endeavour to provide this information in a timely fashion, and in any event not later than 30 days from the original discussion of the particular staffing issue(s).
  - (h) During problem solving discussions, Committee members will collaborate on:
    - (i) defining the issue(s);
    - (ii) identifying root cause(s) of the issue(s);
    - (iii) gathering and reviewing relevant information;
    - (iv) generating potential options for resolution of the issue(s);
    - (v) resolving the issue(s), where possible.

- (i) To prevent misunderstandings and to assure all issues are dealt with, answers must be communicated, in writing, to the Committee.
- (j) The Committee may engage the support of additional subject matter experts to assist with the above discussions.
- (k) The Committee shall discuss unresolved issues with the applicable senior leader before the matter is referred to the Chief Operating Officer (COO) as provided for in (m) below.
- (l) The Committee has the option of participating in voluntary mediation of the dispute with the assistance of representatives from within the Union and the Employer. Discussions at this stage are conducted on a without prejudice basis.
- (m) Should an issue not be resolved by the Committee, the issue shall be referred to the COO. A resolution meeting between the Local and the COO, or designate(s), shall take place within 21 calendar days of the issue being referred to the COO. The COO or designate(s) shall reply in writing to the Local within seven (7) calendar days of the resolution meeting.
- (n) Should an issue remain unresolved following the COO's written response, the Local may request and shall have the right to present its concerns to the governing Board. The governing Board shall provide a written response accepting or rejecting any previous recommendations of the parties, or substitute its own recommendations for resolution of the issue(s) within 14 calendar days of the presentation by the Local.
- (o) Where the parties succeed in reaching a resolution of the issue(s), the agreement shall be confirmed in writing by the parties. If either party fails to implement or adhere to said resolution, the failure to adhere or implement shall be subject to the provisions of Article 32: Dispute Resolution Process.

36.02 An Employee attending Committee meetings shall be paid the Basic Rate of Pay for such attendance.

**ARTICLE 37: EXTENDED WORK DAY**

- 37.01 (a) Where the parties to this Collective Agreement agree to implement a system employing extended working days and resultant compressed work week on other units, they shall evidence such agreement by signing a document indicating:
- (i) applicable nursing unit;
  - (ii) applicable positions; and
  - (iii) applicable extended work day option.



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

- (b) Agreements referred to in Article 37.01(a) may be terminated by either party providing to the other party 12 weeks' notice in writing of such intent.
- (c) Where an extended workday system is implemented or discontinued, the resulting change to the hours per Shift and Shifts per Shift cycle of a Part-time Employee shall not be deemed to be a violation of Article 30.01(a). Where such change occurs, the Employer shall issue a new statement to the affected Employee within ten (10) days of the change.
- (d) The Employer and the Union acknowledge and confirm that, with the exception of those amendments hereinafter specifically detailed, when the extended work day is implemented in a nursing unit, all other Articles of this Collective Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as between the parties.

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

- 7.01 (a) Regular hours of work for Full-time Employees, exclusive of meal periods, shall:
  - (i) be a consecutive time period of 11.08 hours per day;
  - (ii) be 77.56 hours bi-weekly averaged over one (1) complete Cycle of the Shift Schedule; and
  - (iii) not exceed 12 hours per day maximum in-house hours, as determined by the start and finish times of the Shift, except where overtime is necessitated.

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

- 7.01 (b) Regular hours of work shall be deemed to:
  - (i) include as scheduled by the Employer, three (3) rest periods of 15 minutes during each full working Shift; and
  - (ii) exclude, as scheduled by the Employer, two (2) meal periods of 30 minutes each. Two (2) or more meal periods or rest periods may be combined by agreement between the Employee and the Employer.

(C) Amend Article 7.02(c) to read:

- 7.02 (c) Except in cases of emergency or by mutual agreement between the Employee and the Employer, Shift schedules shall provide for:

- (i) at least 12 hours off duty between Shifts;
- (ii) at least two (2) consecutive days of rest per week;
- (iii) two (2) weekends off duty in each four (4) week period. “Weekend” shall mean a Saturday and the following Sunday. The period of time off must be at least 72 hours.
- (iv) not more than three (3) consecutive extended Shifts nor more than five (5) extended Shifts per week.

(D) Amend Article 7.02(d) to read:

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

- (i) Permanent days;
- (ii) Permanent nights;
- (iii) Nights and days rotation (only by request of Employee).

(E) Amend Article 30.01(a) to read:

30.01 (a) Hours of Work

Amend Article 7.01(a) to read:

- 7.01 (a)
- (i) Regular hours of work for Part-time Employees, exclusive of meal periods, shall be as scheduled by the Employer but shall be less than those for Full-time Employees. They may be less than 11.08 hours per day and in any event, shall be less than 77.56 hours bi-weekly.
  - (ii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, where mutually agreed, a Part-time Employee may work full-time hours in special circumstances such as vacation, sick leave or absence from work by an Employee for any reason.
  - (iii) A Part-time Employee may work Shifts in addition to those specified in Article 30.01(a).

(iv) Where a Part-time Employee volunteers or agrees, when requested, to work additional Shifts which are not designated as the Employee's scheduled days of rest, the Employee shall be paid the Employee's basic rate for hours worked up to 11.08 hours in a day and at 2X the applicable basic hourly rate for those hours worked in excess of 11.08 hours in a day.

(v) Where the Employer requires a Part-time Employee to work without having volunteered or agreed to do so or on the Employee's scheduled day of rest, the Employee shall be paid 2X the applicable basic hourly rate for work performed.

(F) Amend Article 30.01(b) to read:

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(i) at least 12 hours off duty between Shifts;

(ii) at least two consecutive days of rest per week;

(iii) two weekends off duty in each four (4) week period. "Weekend" shall mean a Saturday and the following Sunday. The period of time off must be at least 72 hours;

(iv) not more than three consecutive extended Shifts nor more than five (5) extended Shifts per week.

37.03 Amend Article 8.01(a) to read:

8.01 (a) Overtime is all time authorized by the Employer and worked by the Employee in excess of 11.08 hours per day or on scheduled days of rest.

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

18.01 (c) It is agreed that a Full-time Employee covered by this Article shall be entitled to 11 Named Holidays and one (1) Floater Holiday as specified, and shall be paid for same at the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay for 7.75 hours to a maximum of 93 hours per annum.

37.05 Amend Article 18.03 by adding (e) to read:

18.03 (e) Pay for the day referred to in (a), (b) and (c) shall be for 7.75 hours.

37.06 Amend Article 19.02 to read:

19.02 An Employee shall be allowed a credit for sick leave computed from the date of employment at the rate of 11.625 hours for each full month of employment to a maximum credit of 930 hours.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #1**

**BETWEEN**

**CAREWEST - COLONEL BELCHER, SARCEE/BEDDINGTON C3, ROULEAU MANOR,  
SIGNAL POINTE AND GLENMORE PARK  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "EMPLOYER")**

**AND**

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #221, #423 & #424  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "UNION")**

**RE: UNIT**

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

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

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

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

1.
  - (a) Except as provided in (b) below, for the purposes of application of Article 34.03, the Employer shall provide the Union with a list of areas in the Facility that the Employer has designated as a unit. Such list shall be provided to the Union no later than October 1, 2020.
  - (b) In the event that the Employer provided the Union with a list of areas in the Facility that the Employer has designated as a unit under the terms of a prior Collective Agreement, and the unit designation was resolved or remains in the process of being resolved, the Employer shall not be required to provide a list pursuant to 1(a), and the provisions of #2 to #7 inclusive shall not apply unless the Employer changes the designation. Upon the request of the Union, the Employer shall provide a list of areas in the Facility designated as a unit under the terms of a prior Collective agreement, as information only.
2. If any concerns regarding Employee safety relative to the application of Article 34.03 are identified by the Union, an Ad-hoc Committee, not exceeding eight (8), of equal numbers appointed by the Employer and the UNA Local shall be established and shall address such concerns.

3. Failing resolution of the dispute by the Ad-hoc Committee, pursuant to the above, the Union shall have the right to advance and present the dispute within 30 days of receipt of the written notification pursuant to #1 and #8, to the Board of Trustees of the Facility concerned.

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

4. Failing resolution of the dispute between the parties, pursuant to #3 above, the Union may advance the dispute within 30 days of response from the Board of Trustees to Arbitration in accordance with Article 32.10 of this Collective Agreement.
5. In hearing the dispute pursuant to #4 above, the Board of Arbitration shall consider whether the designation of a unit is appropriate in the circumstances in order to satisfy the requirements of Article 34.03 as it pertains to Employee safety.
6. Should the Board of Arbitration find that the Employer's designation of a unit is inappropriate, the matter shall be returned to the parties for a period of 30 days during which the Employer and the Union will attempt to again resolve the matter.
7. Should the parties fail to resolve the matter within the 30 day period, the Board of Arbitration shall render a decision in this regard.
8. Should the Employer alter the designation of a unit during the term of this Agreement, the Union shall be so notified in writing and the provisions of Sections #2 through #7 in the Letter of Understanding shall apply to the altered designation.
9. This Letter of Understanding shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #2**

**BETWEEN**

**CAREWEST - COLONEL BELCHER, SARCEE/BEDDINGTON C3, ROULEAU MANOR,  
SIGNAL POINTE AND GLENMORE PARK  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "EMPLOYER")**

**AND**

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #221, #423 & #424  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "UNION")**

**RE: SERVICE RELOCATION**

When an Employer delivers services from more than one (1) site, and the Employer decides to relocate a service to another site or sites, the Employer shall consult with the Union and the affected Employee(s) to determine the willingness of such Employee(s) to be relocated.

When an Employee does not wish to be relocated, the Employee shall have the right to request that they be issued notice pursuant to the provisions of Article 15: Layoff and Recall of the Collective Agreement. Such request shall not be unreasonably denied.

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

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

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #3**

**BETWEEN**

**CAREWEST - COLONEL BELCHER, SARCEE/BEDDINGTON C3, ROULEAU MANOR,  
SIGNAL POINTE AND GLENMORE PARK  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "EMPLOYER")**

**AND**

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #221, #423 & 424  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "UNION")**

**RE: RETENTION & RECRUITMENT INITIATIVES**

WHEREAS the parties agree that:

Recruitment is a critical factor in addressing retention and workload concerns of current nurses.

It is anticipated that over the next ten (10) years large numbers of senior nurses will retire. Succession planning must address the loss in numbers, as well as the loss of experience. Simultaneously, there will be an increased demand for services to the system, given the changing demographics.

Recruitment approaches must balance the need for new Employees, while respecting current Employees.

It is desirable to recruit and retain both experienced nurses and nurses entering the workforce.

The retention of current nurses and recruitment of new nurses are shared priority issues.

Increased service expansion will create challenges on how to maintain current service requirements while adding additional capacity.

Rural and urban services may have differing human resource needs.

There is value in early collaboration for effective problem solving.

In addition to improved working terms and conditions in the current Collective Agreement, additional strategies will be required to address the nursing shortage.

Decisions made at the Local level are more effective in meeting the needs of the Employer and Employee.

In recognition of these factors, the parties agree to undertake recruitment and retention initiatives as follows:



## **I. RETENTION OF EXPERIENCED EMPLOYEES**

The parties recognize that there are a number of senior, experienced Employees who are eligible for retirement currently, or in the near future. The parties recognize the contribution of these Employees and wish to take steps to encourage these Employees to remain in the system. Therefore, the following programs shall be implemented.

### **1. Retention Recognition**

- (a) In addition to the rates of pay specified in the Salary Appendix, Employees with 20 or more calendar years of nursing service shall receive a 2% Special Long Service Pay Adjustment. This adjustment shall form part of the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay.
- (b) Calendar years of nursing service to determine eligibility for the Special Long Service Pay Adjustment will be based upon the calendar years registered with any nursing licensing body.
- (c) Within 90 days of:
  - (i) ratification of the Collective Agreement, or
  - (ii) date of employment, or
  - (iii) achieving 20 calendar years of nursing service,

an Employee eligible for a pay adjustment in paragraph 1(a) above shall provide the Employer with reasonable proof of the Employee's calendar years of nursing service, as described in paragraph 1(b) above. An Employee who requires further time to obtain reasonable proof shall, within the 90 days above, provide the Employer with written notice of their efforts, in which case, the Employer shall provide a reasonable extension of time for providing such proof.

### **2. Retirement Preparation Program**

An Employee who is eligible for an unreduced pension, or an Employee who has a combined age and years of nursing employment of 77 shall be eligible to participate in the Retirement Preparation Program (Program) in accordance with the following:

- (a) (i) The Employee and the Employer may mutually agree to reduce the Employee's clinical hours of work while maintaining the Employee's FTE on either an ongoing or temporary basis. The clinical hours of work shall be reduced to no less than a 0.6 FTE. The balance of the Employee's FTE shall be spent performing project work for the Employer as mutually agreed. (Project work may include research, leadership assignments and special projects.) The Program shall include a written plan detailing how the non-clinical remainder of the FTE will be utilized.

- (ii) For purposes of this program, “leadership assignments” shall mean “to act as a guide, role model, advisor or counselor who shares practical, day-to-day, applied knowledge with other Employees.”
- (iii) A formal leadership assignment as project work is distinguished from preceptorship under Article 16: Temporary Assignment Pay in that the duties of the preceptor role are performed concurrently and in addition to the Employee’s regular clinical duties. Where the non-clinical portion of this Program is utilized to provide leadership support, this work will be done over and above the regular staff count and there will be no regular clinical duties assigned for the leadership portion of the Program.

The Employer shall not unreasonably refuse such a request

- (b)
  - (i) The Program shall be reviewed by the Employer and the Employee on at least an annual basis.
  - (ii) The Program may be terminated by either the Employee or the Employer by providing 60 days’ notice in writing of such termination.
- (c) Upon reaching mutual agreement regarding the details of the Program, the Employee shall:
  - (i) officially notify the Employer of their intended retirement date, such retirement date being up to four (4) years from the commencement date the Program as agreed by the Employee and the Employer; and
  - (ii) after a period of up to four (4) years participating in the Program, commence retirement, unless otherwise agreed between the Employee and the Employer. The Employer shall inform the Union of all such agreements.
- (d) An Employee participating in the Program shall continue to earn salary at the Employee’s pre-Program FTE and accrue benefits according to their FTE prior to Program participation for the period of her or his their participation in the Program.
- (e) All clinical hours vacated shall be filled in accordance with Article 14.11.

### 3. Pre-retirement FTE Reduction

- (a) The parties agree that a Regular Employee for whom the Employer has approved a reduction of the Employee’s FTE in accordance with Article 14.11 may continue to contribute to the pension plan in an unreduced fashion, provided the following criteria are met. The Employee must:

- (i) be eligible for an unreduced pension, or have a combined age and years of nursing employment of 80; and
  - (ii) reduce their FTE by no more than .2 FTE and to no lower than a 0.6 FTE for no longer than a 2.5 year period.
- (b) For Employees that have reduced their FTE in accordance with Article 14.11 as part of this Pre-retirement FTE Reduction, Article 14.11(c) is amended to read; “No Employee may decrease their regular hours of work pursuant to Article 14.11 more than once.”

## **II. UNIQUE EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS TO SUPPORT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

WHEREAS the parties agree that it may be of mutual benefit to the Employees and the Employer to utilize unique employment options to support enhanced recruitment of new Employees and retention of current Employees;

The parties agree that the Collective Agreement be amended by the following:

### ***Weekend Worker***

Regular Work Day Option – Amend to reflect 15 Shifts in a four (4) week period.

1. The parties may mutually agree to implement a Regular Work Day Weekend Schedule in order to meet staffing needs on weekends and individual Employee preferences for a weekend work schedule. Except as provided below, all provision of this Collective Agreement related to Regular Full-time Employees shall apply to Employees on a Weekend Schedule. A Weekend Schedule is defined as a schedule in which Regular, Full-time Employees work weekends in accordance with the following conditions and are treated as a Regular Full-time Employee in all respects.
2. Regular hours of work for Employees on a Regular Work Day Weekend Schedule, exclusive of meal periods shall be:
  - (a) a consecutive time period of 7.75 hours per day, such Shifts to occur on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Friday; and
  - (b) 29.06 hours per week averaged over one (1) complete Cycle of the Shift Schedule.
3. Rest periods and meal breaks shall be scheduled in accordance with Article 7.01(b).
4. The scheduling provisions of Article 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling Provisions shall apply, except that Article 7.02(g) (iii) shall not apply.
5. Employees shall be paid for 36.81 hours per week averaged over one (1) complete Cycle of the Shift Schedule.

6. Vacation

- (a) Vacation entitlement shall be determined in accordance with Article 17: Vacations With Pay.
- (b) Vacation earned shall be taken at an accelerated rate of 1.26 paid hours for every hour taken as vacation. Such hours shall be deducted from the Employee's vacation bank.

7. Sick Leave

- (a) Sick leave accrual shall be determined in accordance with Article 19: Sick Leave.
- (b) Accrued sick leave shall be taken at an accelerated rate of 1.26 paid hours for every hour taken as sick leave. Such hours shall be deducted from the Employee's sick leave bank.

8. Shift Differential and Weekend Premium

Shift differential and weekend premium shall only be paid for hours actually worked and shall be paid at the rates specified in Article 28: Shift Differential and Weekend Premium.

9. Letter of Portability

Upon request of an Employee, a letter of portability shall be prepared by the Employer and reflect that Employees on a weekend schedule are Full-time Employees.

10. Pension

Pension shall be calculated on full-time hours of work.

**III. PILOT PROJECTS - UNIQUE EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS TO SUPPORT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

WHEREAS the parties agree that it may be of mutual benefit to the Employees and the Employer to utilize unique employment options to support enhanced recruitment of new Employees and retention of current Employees,

AND WHEREAS some unique employment options may be better introduced on a trial basis;

The parties may agree to trial one or more of the following Pilot Projects:

- Flexible Part-time Position;
- Seasonal Part-time Position; and
- Benefit-Eligible Casual Position

The Union and Employer will identify the desire to participate in a Pilot Project(s). No Pilot Project shall last more than 18 months.

The Employer and the Union will document the terms and conditions of the Pilot Project(s), including the agreed upon start date, length of the Pilot Project(s), additional details of the project(s), timeframes for evaluation, and data to be used in the evaluation.

Note: In evaluating the Pilot Project(s), the parties may consider, among other information:

- the number of units or programs which implemented the Pilot Project(s)
- an Employer/Employee satisfaction survey
- the results of Employee and Employer exit interviews for reversion or termination of Pilot Project(s) positions
- identified barriers and/or challenges
- impact on workload

The parties shall evaluate the success of the Pilot Project(s) and may agree to renew, amend or delete the Pilot Project(s).

A. Flexible Part-time Position Pilot

1. Purpose

(a) The purpose the Flexible Part-time Position (FPP) Pilot is to:

- (i) provide an Employee with an opportunity to increase their full-time equivalent (FTE), as an alternative to the provisions of Article 14.11;
- (ii) allow flexibility on additional Shifts not included on the posted schedule;
- (iii) enhance recruitment by facilitating the creation of higher FTEs; and
- (iv) create more benefit-eligible part-time positions out of existing part-time positions which are not benefit-eligible.

2. Definition

(a) An FPP is a position with:

- (i) a specified FTE of no less than 0.42 FTE;

- (ii) at least 50% of the hours scheduled according to Articles 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling Provisions and 30: Part-time, Temporary, and Casual Employees, (except for designated days of rest); and
  - (iii) the remainder of the specified FTE to be scheduled on a flexible basis, as indicated below.
- (b) A Flexible Part-time Employee shall be guaranteed a specified FTE of no less than 0.42 FTE. Such Employee shall commit to working the specified FTE. If the Employer does not make Shifts available to the Employee to achieve the specified FTE, the Employee shall be paid for the specified FTE.

3. (a) FPP Implementation

- (i) An Employee may request an FPP to increase their existing FTE. Such request shall not be unreasonably denied. Where such a request is granted, such Employee's existing FTE shall become the scheduled portion of the FPP, and the incremental increase in the Employee's FTE shall become the flexible portion of the FPP.

The Employer may post an FPP. The posting shall state the portion of the number of hours per Shift and Shifts per cycle that are scheduled, and the portion to be scheduled on a flexible basis.

(b) FPP Termination

- (i) An Employee may terminate their FPP by:
  - (A) providing the Employer with 28 days' written notice of their intention to revert to their pre-FPP FTE; or
  - (B) providing the Employer with 28 days' written notice of their intention to reduce their FTE down to the scheduled portion of the FPP.

An Employer may terminate an FPP by issuing a position elimination notice pursuant to Article 15: Layoff and Recall.

4. Scheduling of FPP and other Shifts

- (a) The scheduled portion of the FPP shall be scheduled and posted pursuant to Articles 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling Provision and 30: Part-time, Temporary and Casual Employees, or 37: Extended Work Day (except for designated days of rest).

- (b) The flexible portion of the FPP shall be scheduled as follows:
  - (i) the Employee shall provide the Employer with their:
    - (A) Shift availability for greater than the flexible portion of their FPP; and
    - (B) designated days of restfor a four (4) week period. The Employee shall be assigned Shifts only in accordance with the availability provided by the Employee.
  - (ii) Where possible, the Employer will confirm the Employee's Shifts (based on an Employee's stated availability) at least 24 hours in advance. Such Shifts shall be paid at the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay.
- (c) The Employer shall not require an Employee to work Shifts which provide less than 15.5 hours off between Shifts
- (d) Where an Employee works a Shift(s) over and above their FPP, Article 30.01(a) shall apply.

5. Sick Leave

- (a) Sick leave shall be accrued on all hours worked and paid at the Basic Rate of Pay.
- (b) Sick leave may be taken on any Shift from the scheduled portion or the pre-booked flexible portion of the FPP, in accordance with Article 19: Sick Leave.
- (c) If an Employee is unable to achieve their specified FTE over the four (4) week period referenced in Item 4(b)(i) due to illness or injury, sick leave will be paid up to the specified FTE.

6. Vacation

- (a) Vacation will be accrued on all hours worked and paid at Basic Rate of Pay.
- (b) Vacation up to the specified FTE may be requested pursuant to Articles 17: Vacations with Pay and 30: Part-time, Temporary and Casual Employees.

B. Seasonal Part-time Employee

1. The definition of Regular Employee under Article 2.06(a) is amended to include (iii) "Seasonal Part-time Employee", an Employee who is hired under the terms of this Letter of Understanding.
2. A Seasonal Part-time Employee shall be covered by the provisions of Article 30.01, except as provided otherwise below.
3. A Seasonal Part-time Employee may compress a specified annual FTE into smaller portion of a year (for example, such Employee could work a 0.5 FTE compressed into full-time hours over a six (6) month period). During the remaining months (for example, the remaining six (6) months), the Employee would be under no obligation, and could not be compelled, to accept any scheduled or unscheduled work with the Employer.
4. A Seasonal Part-time Employee may achieve such a position by either requesting that their current position be converted into a seasonal part-time position, or that a vacancy posted pursuant to Article 14: Promotions, Transfers & Vacancies be converted to a seasonal part-time position. Such request shall not be unreasonably denied by the Employer.
5. A Seasonal Part-time Employee may choose to be paid either:
  - (a) for those hours actually worked; or
  - (b) as a part-time FTE (for example, in the situation described in Item 3 above, as a 0.5 FTE) over the whole course of the year, both when working the compressed full-time hours, and when not working during the remainder of the year.
6.
  - (a) Notwithstanding a Seasonal Part-time Employee working full-time hours for a portion of a year, such Employee's benefit coverage and premiums shall be pro-rated based on the Employee's part-time FTE.
  - (b) Where a Seasonal Part-time Employee opts to be paid according to Item 5(a) above, such Employee shall make prior arrangements with the Employer for the prepayment of the Employee's portion of premiums for the applicable Collective Agreement plans.
7.
  - (a) Such Employee's vacation and sick leave accrual shall be based on their regular hours worked.
  - (b) Vacation and sick leave shall only be utilized during the compressed work period described in Item 3 above.



C. Benefit-Eligible Casual Employee Pilot

1. Purpose

- (a) The purpose the Benefit-Eligible Casual Employee (BECE) Pilot is to:
  - (i) retain existing Casual Employees;
  - (ii) provide flexible options for Employees as they transition through life stages;
  - (iii) enhance recruitment opportunities.

2. Definition

A BECE is a Casual Employee with a guaranteed specified FTE of no less than 0.4 FTE and no specified hours per Shifts or Shifts per Shift cycle. A BECE shall be eligible for sick leave pursuant to Article 19: Sick Leave, benefits pursuant to Article 21: Employee Benefits, and Article 29: Pension Plan, as amended below. Unless otherwise specified below, Article 30.03 shall apply.

3. (a) BECE Implementation

- (i) A Casual Employee may request to become a BECE at a mutually agreed FTE of not less than 0.4 FTE.
- (ii) An Employer may post a BECE. The posting shall indicate the specified guaranteed FTE which shall be no less than 0.4 FTE.

(b) BECE Termination

- (i) A BECE may revert to casual status by providing the Employer with 28 days written notice of their intention to revert to casual status; or
- (ii) An Employer may terminate these positions in which case the BECE shall revert to casual status.

4. Scheduling of BECE Shifts

- (a) The BECE will provide the Employer with their Shift availability and Shift choices, which exceed their guaranteed FTE, over a four (4) week period.
- (b) The Employer shall confirm assigned Shifts with the BECE. The Employee shall be assigned Shifts only in accordance with the availability provided by the Employee.

- (c) Where possible, the Employer shall confirm the Employee's Shifts (based on the Employee's stated availability) at least 24 hours in advance. Such Shifts shall be paid at the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay.
- (d) The Employer will not require an Employee to work Shifts which provide less than 15.5 hours off between Shifts.
- (e) Where an Employee works a Shift(s) over and above their specified FTE, Article 30.03 shall apply.

5. Sick Leave

- (a) Sick leave will be accrued on the BECE's FTE.
- (b) Sick leave may be taken up to the BECE's FTE, for pre-booked Shifts where the BECE cannot work due to illness or injury.
- (c) If, as a result of illness or injury, a BECE is unable to report for a Shift that has not been pre-booked, the Employee shall be paid sick leave for that Shift provided that they were unable to achieve their guaranteed FTE by the end of the four (4) week period.

6. Vacation

Prior to implementing a BECE pilot, the Employer and Union shall specify how the vacation provisions shall be applied.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #4**

**BETWEEN**

**CAREWEST - COLONEL BELCHER, SARCEE/BEDDINGTON C3, ROULEAU MANOR,  
SIGNAL POINTE AND GLENMORE PARK  
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**AND**

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #221, #423 & #424  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "UNION")**

**RE: SEVERANCE**

1. Severance will be offered as a result of organizational changes that result in the permanent reduction in the number of Regular Employees in the bargaining unit.
2. The Employer will offer the following severance to eligible Regular Employees, as defined in Item 3 of this Letter of Understanding:
  - (a) A Regular Full-time Employee shall be eligible for severance pay in the amount of two (2) weeks full-time pay at their Basic Rate of Pay for each full year of continuous employment to a maximum of 40 week's pay.
  - (b) A Regular Part-Time Employee shall be eligible for severance pay in the amount of two (2) weeks full-time pay at their Basic Rate of Pay for each full period of 1711.5 hours worked at the Basic Rate of Pay to a maximum of 40 week's pay.
  - (c) For purposes of severance, continuous employment will be calculated from the last date of hire recognized with the Employee's current Employer.
3. A Regular Employee who has received layoff notice in accordance with Article 15: Layoff and Recall and for whom no alternate vacant position is available and the Employee does not have the right to displace an Employee with less seniority, shall have the option to select either of:
  - (a) Layoff with recall rights as specified in Article 15: Layoff and Recall of the Collective Agreement; or
  - (b) Severance in accordance with this Letter of Understanding.
4. A Regular Employee who accepts severance pay as described above, shall have terminated their employment, with no further rights to recall.

5. An Employee who has been terminated for just cause or who has resigned or retired shall not be eligible for severance.
6. A Regular Employee who receives notice of layoff shall have 14 calendar days from the date the notice of layoff is issued to advise the Employer, in writing, that the Employee wishes to take the severance offered by the Employer. Any Employee who does not advise the Employer, in writing of the Employee's decision to accept severance shall be deemed to have selected layoff in accordance with Article 15: Layoff and Recall of this Collective Agreement.
7.
  - (a) Employees who select severance will not be eligible for rehire by any Employer who is a party to a Collective Agreement containing this provision, or any Employer or agency funded directly or indirectly by the Employer paying the severance, for the period of the severance (which for the purpose of clarity means the period of time equal to the number of weeks of severance paid to the Employee).
  - (b) The Employee may be considered for hire by an Employer referred to in (a) provided they repay the Employer from whom severance was received, the difference, if any, between the time they were unemployed and the length of time for which the severance was paid.
8. Severance pay provided under this Letter of Understanding shall be deemed to be inclusive of any and all legislative requirements for termination notice.

This Letter of Understanding shall apply over a period of time beginning the date on which the parties exchange notice of ratification for this Collective Agreement and ending March 31, 2020, or upon the date of ratification of the next Collective Agreement, whichever is later.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #5**

**BETWEEN**

**CAREWEST - COLONEL BELCHER, SARCEE/BEDDINGTON C3, ROULEAU MANOR,  
SIGNAL POINTE AND GLENMORE PARK  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "EMPLOYER")**

**AND**

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #221, #423 & #424  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "UNION")**

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

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

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #6**

**BETWEEN**

**CAREWEST - COLONEL BELCHER, SARCEE/BEDDINGTON C3, ROULEAU MANOR,  
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**AND**

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #221, \$423 & #424  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "UNION")**

**RE: MERGER OR DIVISION OF UNITS**

The parties agree the Employer retains the right to create positions that entail regularly working on more than one (1) unit, and when such positions are created, the posting will clearly indicate this. Although the Employer retains the right to create multi-unit positions and float positions, the norm will be that Employees will continue to be employed in a single unit. The parties further agree that notwithstanding any provision of this Collective Agreement, in the event that the Employer combines multiple units on the same site into a single unit or divides a single unit into multiple units, no notice of position elimination shall be required, provided that there is no other substantial change to the Employee's position. This does not preclude the Employer from requiring an Employee to "float" to another unit on an exceptional basis in order to meet operational requirements; or preclude an Employee from agreeing to work additional Shifts on other units.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #7**

**BETWEEN**

**CAREWEST - COLONEL BELCHER, SARCEE/BEDDINGTON C3, ROULEAU MANOR,  
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**AND**

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #221, #423 & #424  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “UNION”)**

**RE: SCHEDULING**

For the purposes of Article 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling Provisions, the parties agree to the following:

1. Article 7.02(a) shall apply as written, but does not obligate the Employer to any specific labeling system. However, for Employees working night Shifts, at no time shall an Employee be scheduled to work more than one (1) hour on a day considered to be a scheduled day of rest.
2. For the purposes of Article 7.02(g)(ii) “two (2) consecutive days of rest” shall mean:  
  
For Employees moving from day Shift to day Shift – two (2) complete calendar days off, ensuring a minimum of 63.75 hours off duty.  
  
For Employees moving from day Shift to evening Shift – two (2) complete calendar days off, ensuring a minimum of 71.75 hours off duty.  
  
For Employees moving from day Shift to night Shift – one (1) complete calendar day off, one (1) day where no more than one (1) hour is worked ensuring a minimum of 55.75 hours off duty.  
  
For Employees moving from evening Shift to day Shift – two (2) complete calendar days off, ensuring a minimum of 55.75 hours off duty.  
  
For Employees moving from evening Shift to evening Shift – two (2) complete calendar days off, ensuring a minimum of 63.75 hours off duty.  
  
For Employees moving from evening Shift to night Shift - one (1) complete calendar day off, one (1) day where no more than one (1) hour is worked, ensuring a minimum of 47.75 hours off duty.

For Employees moving from night Shift to day Shift – two (2) complete calendar days off, ensuring a minimum of 71.75 hours off duty.

For Employees moving from night Shift to evening Shift – two (2) complete calendar days off, ensuring a minimum of 79.75 hours off duty.

For Employees moving from night Shift to night Shift – one (1) complete calendar day off, one (1) day where no more than one (1) hour is worked, ensuring a minimum of 63.75 hours off duty.

3. “Week” shall mean seven (7) consecutive days commencing at 0000h, on a day determined by the Employer. The first day of the week shall be noted on the schedule and may be changed by providing 12 weeks’ notice.



**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #8**

**BETWEEN**

**CAREWEST - COLONEL BELCHER, SARCEE/BEDDINGTON C3, ROULEAU MANOR,  
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**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #221, #423 & #424  
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**RE: LUMP SUM PAYMENT**

The parties agree that:

1. An Employee shall receive a lump sum payment of up to \$1750, to be paid semi-annually, as follows:
  - (a) Full-time Employees shall receive:
    - (i) \$875 on the first pay day following the pay period which includes September 30; and
    - (ii) \$875 on the first pay day following the pay period which includes March 31.
  - (b) Part-time and Casual Employees shall receive:
    - (i) \$875 on the first pay day following the pay period which includes September 30, pro-rated to their regular hours actually worked between April 1 and September 30; and
    - (ii) \$875 on the first pay day following the pay period which includes March 31, pro-rated to their regular hours actually worked between October 1, and March 31.
2. For the purposes of this Letter of Understanding, "regular hours actually worked" includes:
  - (a) Leaves of absence for Union business,
  - (b) Other leaves of absence of one (1) month or less,
  - (c) Time on sick leave with pay,

- (d) Absences while receiving Workers' Compensation,
  - (e) Educational leave up to 24 months and
  - (f) Paid vacation; and
  - (g) Maternity, Parental, Compassionate / Terminal Care, Critical Illness of a Child, or Death or Disappearance of Child leaves.
3. Employees who commence employment or change their employment category within one (1) of the defined qualifying periods shall have their entitlement pro-rated.
  4. Employees terminating employment shall be entitled to the lump sum payment pro-rated for the period up to and including the date of termination.
  5. This Letter of Understanding shall not apply to Undergraduate Nurses.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #9**

**BETWEEN**

**CAREWEST - COLONEL BELCHER, SARCEE/BEDDINGTON C3, ROULEAU MANOR,  
SIGNAL POINTE AND GLENMORE PARK  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "EMPLOYER")**

**AND**

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #221, #423 & #424  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "UNION")**

**RE: CHARGE DESIGNATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

1. A Charge Designation Review Committee shall be established, upon the request of the Union, to review the charge designation of a unit that does not have a person who is a Registered Nurse or Registered Psychiatric Nurse in charge on a specific Shift.
2. The Committee shall determine if the documented charge roles and responsibilities pursuant to Article 33.01 accurately reflect the roles and responsibilities of the person designated in charge of the unit. The Committee shall determine whether the person designated is qualified to carry out the actual roles and responsibilities.
3. The Committee shall issue a report which is binding on the parties.
4. The Committee shall be comprised of three (3) members, one (1) appointed by the Employer, and one (1) appointed by the Union. The Chair will be mutually appointed by the parties, failing which the Director of Mediation Services will appoint.
5. Each party shall pay the expenses of their own nominee and equally share the expenses of the Chairperson.
6. Where the Committee is requested to review a charge designation, they shall convene within 30 days of the request of the Union. Where more than one (1) request for the Committee is made, the request shall be dealt with in order of timing of the requests, and the 30 days may be exceeded as a result.
7. This Letter of Understanding shall expire on March 31, 2020 or on date of ratification of the next Collective Agreement, whichever is later.
8. The Charge Designation Review Committee is a body constituted to provide a method for the settlement of differences pursuant to the terms of Division 22 of the *Labour Relations Code*.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #10**

**BETWEEN**

**CAREWEST - COLONEL BELCHER, SARCEE/BEDDINGTON C3, ROULEAU MANOR,  
SIGNAL POINTE AND GLENMORE PARK  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “EMPLOYER”)**

**AND**

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #221, #423 & #424  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “UNION”)**

**RE: JOB SECURITY**

Without restricting its right to determine the number of Employees, if any, needed from time to time in any work unit(s) or classification(s) and to determine whether or not a position will be continued or declared redundant, the parties agree that no Employee shall experience an involuntary reduction in full time equivalency (FTE) following notification of position elimination or workforce reduction in accordance with the provisions of Article 15.

**Definitions:**

“Job Security” shall mean the maintenance of FTE, Regular Employee status, and Basic Rate of Pay.

“Involuntary Reduction in FTE” occurs when an Employee is unable to exercise the right to choose a vacancy of the same or higher FTE at the Employees original site.

“Voluntary Reduction in FTE” occurs when an Employee:

- voluntarily selects a vacancy with a lower FTE when a vacancy of the same or higher FTE exists;
- declines to displace another Employee with less seniority with the same or higher FTE; or
- opts to accept layoff with the right of recall instead of exercising the options provided for under 15.04 (a) (i) and (ii) when those options would result in the Employee maintaining or increasing their FTE.

**Application:**

This Letter of Understanding applies exclusively to Regular Employees who experience an involuntary reduction of FTE as a result of workforce reductions and position elimination or displacement.

## **Job Security Strategies:**

The parties recognize that preventing Involuntary Reduction in FTE and restoring Employees to their original FTEs requires a variety of strategies, the use of which shall depend on the particular circumstances. The parties also recognize that the solutions identified below are not exhaustive and therefore encourage further exploration of additional solutions as the need arises. The parties agree the following strategies may be used for the purposes of preventing and minimizing Involuntary Reductions in FTE for Regular Employees and for restoring impacted Employees to their original FTEs:

### **I. Assignment of Work & Work Location**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 14 and 15, Employees may be assigned to a different work location and/or nursing assignment, including but not limited to a change in practice area. A reasonable period of familiarization and orientation will be provided to sites and programs as appropriate.

### **II. Vacancy Management**

Available hours and positions that are vacated are recognized as opportunities for preventing and minimizing Involuntary Reductions in FTE and for restoring affected Employees to Regular positions at their original FTE.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 14.01(a), 14.02(a), 14.11(b), and 15 the Employer may, for a period of up to 90 days prior to any notice of position elimination, collect, reconfigure, and hold available hours and vacancies for the purposes of:

- providing vacancies for Employees who shall be entitled to Job Security;
- providing vacancies to restore Job Security Employees to regular positions at their original FTE; and
- offering FTE increases to restore Job Security Employees to regular positions at their original FTE.

If the Employer determines that it requires a period of vacancy management in excess of 90 days in order to meet the commitment to provide Job Security, it may request an extension from the Union, which request shall not be unreasonably denied.

During the meeting between the Employer and the Local provided for in Article 15.01(b), the Employer shall notify the Local of available hours and vacancies being collected, held and/or reconfigured for purposes of vacancy management.

### **III. Employment Opportunities Created Through Vacancy Management**

Notwithstanding any specific limitations in the Collective Agreement, the Employer's vacancy management activities may result in the establishment of the following types of positions for the purposes of ensuring operational requirements are met while also meeting the commitment to provide Job Security to affected Employees in accordance with this LOU.

During the meeting between the Employer and the Local as provided for in Article 15.01(b) the Employer and the Local shall discuss the types of positions being created for purposes of providing Job Security. The decision as to which option(s) will be applied shall be determined by the Employer.

#### **Permanent Evening, Permanent Night, and Night and Evening Positions:**

Notwithstanding the provisions of 7.02(d)(iii), (iv), and (vi) the Employer may establish permanent evening, permanent night, and night and evening Shifts for purposes of meeting the commitments of this LOU.

#### **Multi-Site Positions:**

The Employer may create multi-site positions for the purposes of meeting the commitments of this LOU. Multi-site positions created to meet the commitments of this LOU shall be subject to agreement by the Union.

#### **Flexible Part-time Positions:**

The Employer may create flexible part-time (FPP) positions for purposes of meeting the commitments of this LOU.

#### **Multi-Unit Positions:**

The Employer may exercise its right to create multi-unit positions as an option for meeting the commitments of this LOU.

#### **Multiple Positions:**

The Employer may offer an Employee an additional vacant position for the purpose of meeting the commitments of the LOU subject to agreement by the Union.

#### **Temporary Positions:**

Temporary positions may be made available to Employees who are unable to select a vacant regular position or displace into a regular position. The Employee in this circumstance shall maintain recall rights under Article 15 and all rights under this Letter of Understanding.

#### **IV. Supernumerary Employment**

If unable to maintain the Employee's FTE through the strategies listed in Item II, the Employer shall provide Job Security to Employees through supernumerary employment while continuing to search for an employment opportunity. Where an Employee's Job Security is being provided on a supernumerary basis, the parties agree that this is intended as a temporary measure and that the redeployment of Supernumerary Employees to regular positions shall take priority over Employees already being provided Job Security and Employees awaiting recall.

#### **V. Termination of Employer Obligations**

Employees shall be considered to have relinquished their right to Job Security protection if they decline an offer of:

- any available vacancy at a site that would restore them to a regular position at their original FTE; or
- any FTE increase that would restore them to their original FTE.

Notwithstanding the above, if an Employee applies for and is successful on a position posted in accordance with Article 14, the Employer's obligations terminate at the conclusion of the Employee's trial period as defined in Article 14.

Employees who have relinquished their right to Job Security in these circumstances shall then be considered to have experienced a Voluntary Reduction in FTE and the Employee shall be entitled to all recall rights pursuant to Article 15: Layoff and Recall.

This Letter of Understanding shall expire on May 30, 2020.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #11**

**BETWEEN**

**CAREWEST – COLONEL BELCHER CARE CENTRE  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “EMPLOYER”)**

**AND**

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #221  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “UNION”)**

**RE: HOURS OF WORK AND SCHEDULING PROVISIONS FOR FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME  
EMPLOYEES AT COLONEL BELCHER CARE CENTRE**

**1. Amend Article 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling in its entirety:**

7.01 *Regular Hours of Work*

- (a) Regular hours of work for Full-time Employees, exclusive of meal periods shall be:
  - (i) 7.75 consecutive hours per day; and
  - (ii) 36.81 hours per week averaged over one (1) complete Cycle of the Shift Schedule; and
  - (iii) 1920.75 hours per year.
- (b) Regular hours of work shall be deemed to:
  - (i) include, as scheduled by the Employer, two (2) rest periods of 15 minutes during each full working Shift of 7.75 hours; or
  - (ii) include, as scheduled by the Employer, one (1) rest period of 30 minutes during each full working Shift of 7.75 hours if this is more compatible with the scheduling of work assignments; the alternative to be applied shall be at the discretion of the Employer; or
  - (iii) include, as scheduled by the Employer, one (1) rest period of 15 minutes during each half Shift of not less than four (4) hours; and



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

7.02 *Shift Schedules*

- (a) Employees, in the course of their regular duties, may be required to work on various Shifts throughout the 24 hour period of the day and the seven (7) days of the week. The first Shift of the working day shall be the one wherein the majority of hours worked fall between 2400 and 0800 hours.
- (b) "Days of Rest" for a Full-time Employee shall mean all days where an Employee is not scheduled to work, pursuant to Article 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling Provisions.

- (c) The Employer, in scheduling Shifts, shall take into consideration an Employee's request for certain Shift schedules, subject to the requirements of Article 7.02(a).
- (d) The Shift patterns which may be available are:
  - (i) Days, evenings, nights rotation (however, the Employer shall endeavour to minimize application of such rotation);
  - (ii) Permanent days;
  - (iii) Permanent evenings (only by request of Employee);
  - (iv) Permanent nights (only by request of Employee);
  - (v) Evenings and days rotation;
  - (vi) Nights and evenings (only by request of Employee);
  - (vii) Nights and days rotation.
- (e) A request by an Employee to work permanent evenings or permanent nights shall not be unreasonably withheld, but the Employer may require an Employee working permanent evenings or permanent nights to work blocks of day Shift for the purpose of maintaining proficiency. Such blocks shall total not more than two (2) blocks per year totaling not more than 14 calendar days per year.
- (f) Employees working Shift patterns 7.02(d)(i), (v) and (vii), shall be assigned day duty at least 2/5 of the time during the Shift cycle. For the purpose of applying the foregoing:
  - (i) Day duty means Shifts where the majority of the regularly scheduled Shifts falls between 0700 hours and 1500 hours. Evening duty means Shifts where the majority of the regularly scheduled Shift falls between 1500 hours and 2300. Night duty means Shifts where the majority of the regularly scheduled Shift falls between 2300 hours and 0700.
  - (ii) Employees will be deemed to have been assigned day duty when they are absent on vacation or on a Named Holiday that would have, except for such absence been day duty to which the Employee would have been assigned in accordance with the Shift schedule.
  - (iii) Scheduled days of rest are not considered as day duty for the purpose of applying this provision.
- (g) Except in cases of emergency or by mutual agreement between the Employee and the Employer, Shift schedules shall provide for:

- (i) at least 15 hours off duty between Shifts;
  - (ii) at least two (2) consecutive days of rest;
  - (iii) days of rest on 1/2 of the weekends averaged over one (1) complete Cycle of the Shift Schedule, provided that an Employee shall not be scheduled to work more than two (2) consecutive weekends. "Weekend" means a Saturday and the following Sunday assuring a minimum of 56 hours off duty provided not more than one (1) hour is worked on the Sunday; and
  - (iv) not more than six (6) consecutive scheduled days of work.
- (h) Two (2) optional scheduling systems are available which may be applied upon mutual agreement, in writing, between the Employer and the Union. Where an option is applied, the relevant provisions of Article 7.02(g) shall be amended as follows:

**OPTION I**

- 7.02 (g)
- (i) at least 15 hours off duty between Shifts;
  - (ii) at least two (2) consecutive days of rest;
  - (iii) days of rest on alternate weekends. One (1) weekend in each four (4) week period shall be an extended weekend. "Weekend" means a Saturday and the following Sunday, assuring a minimum of 56 hours off duty, provided not more than one (1) hour is worked on the Sunday and "Extended Weekend" means a Saturday and the following Sunday assuring a minimum of 79.75 hours off duty, provided not more than one (1) hour is worked on the last day of the extended weekend; and
  - (iv) not more than seven (7) consecutive scheduled days of work to occur not more than once in a four (4) week cycle.

**OPTION II**

- 7.02 (g)
- (i) at least 15 hours off duty between Shifts;
  - (ii) at least two (2) consecutive days of rest;

- (iii) days of rest on three (3) weekends in a six (6) week period, one (1) of which shall be an extended weekend. “Weekend” means a Saturday and the following Sunday, assuring a minimum of 56 hours off duty, provided not more than one (1) hour is worked on the Sunday and “Extended Weekend” means a Saturday and the following Sunday assuring a minimum of 79.75 hours off duty provided not more than one (1) hour is worked on the last day of the extended weekend; and
  - (iv) not more than seven (7) consecutive scheduled days of work to occur not more than twice in a six (6) week cycle.
- (i) Notwithstanding Article 7.02(h), in the event that the parties wish to implement additional optional scheduling systems, a new scheduling system may be mutually agreed to in writing between the Employer and the Union.
  - (j) Violation of any provision of Article 7.02(g) or 7.02(h) shall result in payment to each affected Employee at the overtime rate, in accordance with Article 8: Overtime for all regular hours worked during the period of violation.

7.03 *Schedule Posting*

- (a) Shift schedules shall be posted 12 weeks in advance.
- (b) Notwithstanding Article 7.03(a), in the event of unusual circumstances, a shorter time period may be mutually agreed in writing between the Employer and the Union.
- (c) Prior to implementing or posting a new Shift schedule the Employer shall have discussions with the Local regarding the upcoming new schedule.
- (d) The parties shall agree on a reasonable time frame required for line selection (some factors to consider would include historical practice, the number of Employees, number of Employees in the identical FTE, the magnitude of the change, the time of year).

7.04 *Schedule Changes*

- (a) If in the course of a posted schedule the Employer changes an Employee’s scheduled days off, the Employee shall be paid at the overtime rate in accordance with Article 8: Overtime for all hours worked on what would otherwise have been the Employee’s off-duty days, unless 14 days’ notice of such change has been given. The Employee shall be notified of the change in the schedule both orally and in writing and such change shall be recorded on the Shift schedule.

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

7.05 *Employee Shift Exchange*

- (a) Employees may exchange Shifts, or portion of Shifts, among themselves, provided that:
  - (i) the exchange is agreed to, in writing, between the affected Employees; and
  - (ii) prior approval of such exchange has been given by the Employees' immediate supervisor(s); and
  - (iii) where a request for approval is made in writing, the Employer's reply shall also be in writing; and
  - (iv) such exchange must not result in additional costs for the Employer when compared to the Employees' pre-exchange schedules.
- (b) Such exchange shall be recorded on the Shift schedule.
- (c) Such exchange shall not be deemed a violation of the scheduling provisions of this Article.
- (d) Where a Shift exchange involves a designated day of rest, the designated day of rest shall also be deemed to be exchanged.

7.06 *Reporting Pay*

In the event that an Employee reports for work as scheduled and prior to the commencement of the Shift, is requested by the Employer to leave and

- (i) report for a later Shift, the Employee shall be compensated for the inconvenience by a payment equal to four (4) hours pay at the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay,
- (ii) fewer than four (4) hours remain in the scheduled Shift, the Employee shall be paid for the remaining hours of the scheduled Shift at the Employee's applicable rate of pay, exclusive of Shift differential and weekend premium payments. This does not apply in situations where the start time of the scheduled Shift has been changed.

- (iii) No Employee shall receive payment for Article 7.06(i) and Article 7.06(ii) concurrently.

7.07 The Employer shall not unreasonably refuse to implement a contractually compliant Shift schedule developed by the Employee(s) and the Union which provides appropriate professional coverage as determined by the Employer.

## **2. Amend Article 30.01: Part-time Employees in its entirety:**

### 30.01 *Part-time Employees*

Except as modified in Article 30.01, all provisions of this Collective Agreement shall apply to Part-time Employees.

#### (a) *Hours of Work*

Amend Article 7.01(a) to read:

- 7.01 (a) (i) Regular hours of work for Part-time Employees, exclusive of meal periods, shall be as scheduled by the Employer but shall be less than those for Full-time Employees. They may be less than 7.75 hours per day and in any event, shall be less than 36.81 hours per week averaged over one (1) complete Cycle of the Shift Schedule.
- (ii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, where mutually agreed, a Part-time Employee may work full-time hours in special circumstances such as vacation, sick leave or absence from work by an Employee for any reason.
- (iii) At time of hire or transfer, the Employer shall state in writing a specific number of hours per Shift and Shifts per Shift cycle which shall constitute the regular hours of work for each Part-time Employee. Such hours and Shifts shall not be altered except by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Employee or by the operation of the provisions of this Collective Agreement.
- (iv) A Part-time Employee may work Shifts in addition to those specified in Article 30.01.

- (v) Where a Part-time Employee volunteers or agrees, when requested, to work additional Shifts which are not designated as the Employee's scheduled days of rest, the Employee shall be paid the Employee's basic rate for hours worked up to 7.75 hours in a day and at 2X the applicable basic hourly rate for those hours worked in excess of 7.75 hours in a day.
- (vi) Where the Employer requires a Part-time Employee to work without the Employee having volunteered or agreed to do so or on their scheduled day of rest, the Employee shall be paid 2X the applicable basic hourly rate for work performed.

(b) *Shift Schedules*

- (i) Amend Article 7.02(g) to read:

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

- (i) at least 15 hours off duty between Shifts;
- (ii) an average of two (2) consecutive days per week, and a total of nine (9) days each four (4) week period shall be scheduled as designated days of rest;
- (iii) not more than six (6) consecutive scheduled days of work;
- (iv) designated days of rest to occur on 1/2 of the weekends, averaged over one (1) complete Cycle of the Shift Schedule, provided that an Employee shall not be scheduled to work more than two (2) consecutive weekends. "Weekend" means a Saturday and the following Sunday, assuring a minimum of 56 hours off duty, provided not more than one (1) hour is worked on the Sunday. Provided however that, when scheduling considerations make compliance with the requirement that designated days of rest fall on a weekend impracticable, such will not be required. Such deviation shall be stipulated in the written advice required pursuant to Article 30.01:7.01(a)(iii).

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

7.02 (h) Two (2) optional scheduling systems are available which may be applied upon mutual agreement, in writing, between the Employer and the Union. Where an option is applied, the relevant provisions of Article 30.01(b):7.02(g) shall be as follows:

**OPTION 1**

- (i) at least 15 hours off duty between Shifts;
- (ii) an average of two (2) consecutive days per week, and a total of nine (9) days each four (4) week period shall be scheduled as designated days of rest;
- (iii) not more than seven (7) consecutive scheduled days of work to occur not more than once in a four (4) week cycle;
- (iv) designated days of rest to occur on alternate weekends. One (1) weekend in each four (4) week period shall be an extended weekend. “Weekend” means a Saturday and the following Sunday, assuring a minimum of 56 hours off duty, provided not more than one (1) hour is worked on the Sunday and “Extended Weekend” means a Saturday and the following Sunday assuring a minimum of 79.75 hours off duty, provided not more than one (1) hour is worked on the last day of the extended weekend. Provided however that, when scheduling considerations make compliance with the requirement that designated days of rest fall on a weekend impracticable, such will not be required. Such deviation shall be stipulated in the written advice required pursuant to Article 30.01:7.01(a)(iii).

**OPTION II**

- (i) at least 15 hours off duty between Shifts;
- (ii) an average of two (2) consecutive days per week, and a total of nine (9) days each four (4) week period shall be scheduled as designated days of rest;



- (iii) not more than seven (7) consecutive scheduled days of work to occur not more than twice in a six (6) week cycle;
- (iv) designated days of rest on three (3) weekends in a six (6) week period, one of which will be an extended weekend. “Weekend” means a Saturday and the following Sunday, assuring a minimum of 56 hours off duty, provided not more than one (1) hour is worked on the Sunday, and “Extended Weekend” means a Saturday and the following Sunday assuring a minimum of 79.75 hours off duty, provided not more than one (1) hour is worked on the last day of the extended weekend. Provided however that, when scheduling considerations make compliance with the requirement that designated days of rest fall on a weekend impracticable, such will not be required. Such deviation shall be stipulated in the written advice required pursuant to Article 30.01:7.01(a)(iii).
- (iii) Violation of any provision of Article 30.01 shall result in payment to each affected Employee at 2X the Employee’s Basic Rate of Pay for all regular hours worked during the period of violation.

(c) *Increment Accrual*

- (i) Part-time Employees and Casual Employees shall be entitled to an increment on the completion of 1920.75 regular hours of work and thereafter a further increment upon the completion of each period of 1711.50 regular hours actually worked to the maximum increment granted Full-time Employees.
- (ii) For Part-time Employees, leave of absence for Union business, other leaves of absence not exceeding one (1) month, periods of sick leave with pay and while in receipt of Workers’ Compensation benefits shall be considered as hours worked for the purpose of calculating increments in accordance with Article 30.01(c)(i).
- (iii) For Part-time Employees, educational leave up to 24 months shall be considered as hours worked for the purpose of calculating increments in accordance with Article 30.01(c)(i).

(d) *Vacations with Pay*

(i) Amend Article 17.02 to read:

17.02 (a) Only those hours of work paid at the Basic Rate of Pay, hours worked on a Named Holiday to a maximum of 7.75 hours, and periods of sick leave with pay will be recognized for the purpose of determining vacation pay or entitlement.

(b) During each year of continuous service in the employ of the Employer, an Employee shall commence earning entitlement to a vacation with pay to be taken in the next following vacation year and the rate at which such entitlement is earned shall be governed by the position held by the Employee and the total length of service in accordance with the following:

*Staff Nurse*

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

Hours worked during the vacation year at the rate specified in Article 30.01 (d)(i): (17.02(a))	X	The applicable % outlined below	=	Number of hours of paid vacation time to be taken in the next following vacation year
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- (a) 6% during the 1<sup>st</sup> employment year;
- (b) 8% during each of the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> employment years;
- (c) 10% during each of the 10<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> employment years;
- (d) 12% during each of the 20<sup>th</sup> and subsequent employment years.
- (e) Regular Part-time Employees shall earn supplementary vacation with pay calculated in hours in accordance with the following formula:

Hours worked during the vacation year at the rate specified in Article 30.01 (d)(i): (17.02(a))	X % outlined below =	The applicable Number of hours of paid supplementary vacation time to be taken in the current supplementary vacation period.
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- (i) Upon reaching the employment anniversary of 25 years of continuous service, Employees shall have earned an additional 2%.
- (ii) Upon reaching the employment anniversary of 30 years of continuous service, Employees shall have earned an additional 2%.
- (iii) Upon reaching the employment anniversary of 35 years of continuous service, Employees shall have earned an additional 2%.
- (iv) Upon reaching the employment anniversary of 40 years of continuous service, Employees shall have earned an additional 2%.
- (v) Upon reaching the employment anniversary of 45 years of continuous service, Employees shall have earned an additional 2%.

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

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

(g) Where a voluntarily terminated Employee commences employment within six (6) months of date of termination of employment with either the same Employer or another Employer, such Employee shall accrue vacation entitlement as though the Employee's employment had been continuous. The Employer shall provide the Employee with a written statement of the Employee's vacation entitlement upon termination.

(ii) Amend Article 17.04(a) to read:

17.04 (a) If an Employee is terminated and proper notice given, vacation pay earned to the date of termination pursuant to Article 30.01(d) will be paid in compliance with Article 17.04(c).

(e) *Named Holidays*

Amend Article 18: Named Holidays to read:

18.01 Part-time Employees shall be paid in addition to their Basic Rate of Pay a sum equal to 5% of their regular earnings in lieu of Named Holidays inclusive of the "Floater" holiday.

18.02 (a) A Part-time Employee required to work on a Named Holiday shall be paid at 1 1/2X the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay for work performed up to 7.75 hours.

(b) Notwithstanding Article 18.02(a), a Part-time Employee required to work on the August Civic Holiday or Christmas Day shall be paid at 2X the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay for work performed up to 7.75 hours.

(c) A Part-time Employee who is obliged to work overtime on a Named Holiday shall be paid as follows:

(i) for all overtime worked on a Named Holiday 2.5X their Basic Rate of Pay.

(ii) for all overtime worked on the August Civic Holiday and Christmas Day 3X their Basic Rate of Pay.

- 18.03 (a) Unless otherwise requested an Employee shall be scheduled so as to provide the Employee with days off on at least three (3) of the actual Named Holidays. Unless otherwise requested by the Employee, one (1) of these three (3) Named Holidays shall be either Christmas or New Year's Day.
- (b) (i) An Employee granted Christmas Day off in accordance with Article 18.03(a) above, shall be scheduled such that the Employee shall have two (2) consecutive days where the Employee will not be obliged to work (i.e. December 24 and 25; or December 25 and 26).
- (ii) An Employee granted New Year's Day off in accordance with Article 18.03(a) above, shall be scheduled such that the Employee shall have two (2) consecutive days where the Employee shall not be obliged to work (i.e. December 31 and January 1; or January 1 and 2).
- (c) Where a Part-time Employee is not scheduled to work on what would otherwise be a regular work day directly as a result of a Named Holiday, those hours may, at the request of the Employee, be rescheduled in the Cycle of the Shift Schedule. This may occur in a program that is not working on a 24/7 operation such as a Monday to Friday day support program.

(f) *Sick Leave*

Amend Article 19.02 to read:

19.02 A Part-time Employee shall accumulate sick leave benefits on the basis of 1 1/2 days per month, pro-rated on the basis of the regularly scheduled hours worked by the Part-time Employee in relation to the regularly scheduled hours for a Full-time Employee.

3. Amend Article 30.03 in its entirety to read:

30.03 *Casual Employees*

Except as modified in this Article, all provisions of the Collective Agreement shall apply to Casual Employees except that the following Articles shall have no application to Casual Employees:

- Article 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling Provisions - 7.01(a), 7.02, 7.03, 7.04
- Article 12: Seniority
- Article 15: Layoff and Recall
- Article 17: Vacations with Pay
- Article 18: Named Holidays
- Article 19: Sick Leave, except Article 19.10(b)

- Article 20: Workers' Compensation
- Article 21: Employee Benefits, and
- Article 22: Leaves of Absence.

(a) *Hours of Work*

- (i) No Casual Employee shall be scheduled except with the Employee's consent. Except where a Casual Employee is scheduled for a specific job or relieves for absences, the duration of which is three (3) months or less, advance notice of scheduling shall not exceed seven (7) calendar days.
- (ii) Where a Casual Employee is transferred to a position pursuant to Article 14.02, the Employee shall receive the benefits of a Temporary Employee while filling that position.
- (iii) Where a Casual Employee is regularly scheduled under the provisions of Article 2.05(b)(ii) and (iii) the scheduling provisions of Article 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling Provisions shall apply.
- (iv) (A) In the event that a Casual Employee reports to work as scheduled or called and the Employer cancels the Employee's Shift, the Employee shall be paid four (4) hours pay at the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay.  
  
(B) If fewer than four (4) hours remain in the scheduled Shift, the Employee shall be paid for the remaining hours of the scheduled Shift at the Employee's applicable rate of pay, exclusive of Shift differential and weekend premium payments. This does not apply in situations where the start time of the scheduled Shift has been changed.
- (v) A Casual Employee shall be entitled to overtime worked in excess of 147 hours averaged over a four (4) week period (with a starting point established as the first day of the first pay period following 90 days from the date of ratification of this Collective Agreement).

(b) *Increment Accrual*

Casual Employees shall be entitled to an increment on the completion of 1920.75 regular hours of work and thereafter a further increment upon the completion of each period of 1711.50 regular hours actually worked to the maximum increment granted Full-time Employees.

(c) *Vacation*

In the case of Casual Employees, amend Article 17: Vacations With Pay to read:

- 17.02 (a) Casual Employees shall be paid, in addition to their Basic Rate of Pay, a sum equal to:
- (i) 6% of their regular earnings during the 1<sup>st</sup> employment year;
  - (ii) 8% of their regular earnings during the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> employment years;
  - (iii) 10% of their regular earnings during the 10<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> employment years;
  - (iv) 12% of their regular earnings during the 20<sup>th</sup> and subsequent employment years;
  - (v) 12.4% of their regular earnings during the 25<sup>th</sup> and subsequent employment years; in lieu of vacations with pay.
- (b) Casual Employees shall receive payment in lieu of vacations with pay to which they are entitled following each pay period.

(d) *Named Holidays*

Amend Article 18: Named Holidays to read:

- 18.01 Casual Employees shall be paid in addition to their Basic Rate of Pay a sum equal to 5% of their regular earnings in lieu of Named Holidays inclusive of the "Floater" holiday.
- 18.02 (a) A Casual Employee required to work on a Named Holiday shall be paid at 1 1/2X the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay for work performed up to 7.75 hours.
- (b) Notwithstanding Article 18.02(a), a Casual Employee required to work on the August Civic Holiday or Christmas Day shall be paid at 2X the Employee's Basic Rate of Pay for work performed up to 7.75 hours.
- (c) A Casual Employee who is obliged to work overtime on a Named Holiday shall be paid as follows:
- (i) for all overtime worked on a Named Holiday 2.5X their Basic Rate of Pay.

- (ii) for all overtime worked on the August Civic Holiday and Christmas Day 3X their Basic Rate of Pay.
- 18.03 (a) An Employee shall be scheduled so as to provide the Employee with days off on at least three (3) of the actual Named Holidays. Unless otherwise requested by the Employee, one (1) of these three (3) Named Holidays shall be either Christmas or New Year's Day.
  - (b)
    - (i) An Employee granted Christmas Day off in accordance with Article 18.03(a) above, shall be scheduled such that the Employee shall have two (2) consecutive days where the Employee will not be obliged to work (i.e. December 24 and 25; or December 25 and 26).
    - (ii) An Employee granted New Year's Day off in accordance with Article 18.03(a) above, shall be scheduled such that the Employee shall have two (2) consecutive days where the Employee shall not be obliged to work (i.e. December 31 and January 1; or January 1 and 2).
- (e) Casual Employees shall be eligible for Workers' Compensation benefits in accordance with the laws of Alberta.
- (f) In the event Employees are required to serve as a witness in matters arising out of their employment, the Employee shall be granted leave of absence at their regular rate of pay, provided that any reimbursement paid to the Employee for this appearance is paid to the Employer.



**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #12**

**BETWEEN**

**CAREWEST - COLONEL BELCHER, SARCEE/BEDDINGTON C3, ROULEAU MANOR,  
SIGNAL POINTE  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "EMPLOYER")**

**AND**

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #221, #423 & #424  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "UNION")**

**RE: PREPAID BENEFITS**

The Prepaid Benefits Plan shall be amended as follows:

- (a) 100% coverage for private or semi-private rooms in hospital will be provided.
- (b) Out of Country and Out of Province Travel Insurance.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #13**

**BETWEEN**

**CAREWEST - SIGNAL POINTE & GLENMORE PARK  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "EMPLOYER")**

**AND**

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #221 & #424  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "UNION")**

**RE: FIRST COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION**

Except as provided below, all terms and conditions of this Collective Agreement (expiring March 31, 2020) shall apply effective the date of ratification unless otherwise stated.

**1. ARTICLE 14: VACANCIES, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS**

- A. Within 120 days of ratification, each Employee shall receive a letter of hire from the Employer which will include.
  - (a) the items listed under Article 14:10; and
  - (b) increment anniversary date, hours toward the next increment and Basic Rate of Pay (inclusive of Educational Allowances and Long Service Pay Adjustment); and,
  - (c) seniority date; and
  - (d) vacation anniversary date; and
  - (e) vacation and sick leave entitlement level.
- B. For the purposes of 1A(a) through 1A(e) above, each Employee shall have 30 consecutive calendar days from the date of the respective letters to advise the Employer, in writing, if the Employee believes the information is incorrect. If the Employer and Employee agree on the correction, the information and Employee letter will be corrected accordingly. In the absence of such agreement the Employee shall the right to grieve in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

2. **ARTICLE 13: PROBATIONARY PERIOD**

An Employee with less than 503.75 hours worked at date of ratification will only be required to work 503.75 hours to successfully conclude the probationary period.

3. **ARTICLE 19: SICK LEAVE TRANSITIONAL PROVISION**

- (a) Any unused sick leave credits accumulated prior to date of ratification shall be maintained.
- (b) Sick leave accumulation pursuant to Article 19 shall commence as of date of ratification.
- (c) Employees who are receiving sick leave pay as of date of ratification will continue to be compensated in accordance with the previous sick leave provisions until their return to work.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #14**

**BETWEEN**

**CAREWEST - COLONEL BELCHER, SARCEE/BEDDINGTON C3, ROULEAU MANOR,  
SIGNAL POINTE  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “EMPLOYER”)**

**AND**

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #221, #423 & #424  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “UNION”)**

**RE: ARTICLE 36: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

1. The parties recognize the importance of an effective and efficient professional responsibility committee process (PRC) that is relevant to the professional responsibility requirements of members and the operations of the Employer.
2. To ensure continued dialogue on PRCs, the parties agree to form a Working Group comprised of:
  - a. Minimum one (1), maximum two (2) Union representative(s);
  - b. Minimum one (1), maximum two (2) Local representative(s) from each Local;
  - c. Minimum one (1), maximum two (2) Management representative(s); and
  - d. Equal representation of staff nurses.
3. The Working Group will meet within 90 days of ratification of the Collective Agreement to confirm the Terms of Reference for the Working Group. These shall include:
  - a. A requirement to meet at least quarterly;
  - b. A mandate to review the entire PRC process contained in Article 36; and
  - c. A review of any barriers, challenges, or opportunities in the PRC process; including but not limited to training for committee members
4. The Terms of Reference will be validated by the Employer and Union within 30 days of the Working Group’s publication of same.
5. The Working Group will report back on the status of their work, findings, and any recommendations to the Union and Employer through the publication of minutes. The Union and Employer may request a joint presentation from the Working Group after each quarterly meeting for further discussion and/or clarification.

6. In making their reviews and recommendations, the Working Group will stay apprised of the status, structure, and composition of Independent Assessment Committees at comparable Employers, and any relevance or applicability to the PRC environment at Carewest.
7. The recommendations of the Working Group, while not binding, shall be considered by the parties.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #15**

**BETWEEN**

**CAREWEST - COLONEL BELCHER, SARCEE/BEDDINGTON C3, ROULEAU MANOR,  
SIGNAL POINTE, GLENMORE PARK  
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**AND**

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #221, #423 & #424  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “UNION”)**

**RE: APPLICATION OF HOURS OF WORK – ARTICLE 7 & LOU 11**

Understanding the complexity of the hours of work language contained within Article 7: Hours of Work and Scheduling of this Agreement, as amended by Article 30: Part-time, Temporary and Casual and LOU #11, along with the consolidation to a multi-local Collective Agreement, the parties recognize that errors may occur in the translation of language for Employees working 1920.75 and 2022.75 hours.

As well, the parties understand there may be minor interpretive issues on the compliant implementation and application of schedules utilizing 2022.75 hour language.

As such, the parties agree to first address any application or interpretative disputes on hours of work in this Collective Agreement to a joint committee comprised of individuals with the Union and Employer who have the authority to give organizational interpretation.

Interpretations and applications, if agreed jointly, may be disseminated by mutual consent through a joint communication process.

The parties agree to approach these discussions in good faith, however this does not restrict the right of either party to use Article 32: Dispute Resolution Process.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #16**

**BETWEEN**

**CAREWEST – SARCEE/BEDDINGTON C3  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “EMPLOYER”)**

**AND**

**THE UNITED NURSES OF ALBERTA, LOCAL #423  
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “UNION”)**

**RE: TRANSPORTATION**

The parties agree that the following transportation provisions apply to Employees who are required by their Employer to use their personal vehicle for business use.

1. Amend Article 10: Transportation to include:

10.04 Employees who use their personal vehicles for business authorized by the Employer shall be required to submit proof of financial responsibility when the vehicle is used on such business. The Employer shall reimburse the Employee as follows:

Cost of Business Use Insurance Coverage \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Basic Age Group - Good Driving Record)

LESS

Cost of Personal Use Insurance Coverage \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Basic Age Group - Good Driving Record)

EQUALS

Reimbursement to a maximum \$500 or in accordance with Employer Policy, whichever is greater, upon submission of receipts for annual insurance policy.

10.05 Where the Employer requires an Employee to have a vehicle for business use, the Employer shall provide on-site parking (with operational plug-ins where available), at no cost for the Employee.

**SALARY APPENDIX****Registered Nurse****Registered Psychiatric Nurse**

	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>	<b>Step 7</b>	<b>Step 8</b>	<b>Step 9</b>
April 1, 2018	\$36.86	\$38.28	\$39.69	\$41.11	\$42.54	\$43.94	\$45.37	\$46.71	\$48.37
2% LSPA Rate	\$37.60	\$39.05	\$40.48	\$41.93	\$43.39	\$44.82	\$46.28	\$47.64	\$49.34
April 1, 2019	\$36.86	\$38.28	\$39.69	\$41.11	\$42.54	\$43.94	\$45.37	\$46.71	\$48.37
2% LSPA Rate	\$37.60	\$39.05	\$40.48	\$41.93	\$43.39	\$44.82	\$46.28	\$47.64	\$49.34

**Certified Graduate Nurse****Graduate Nurse - Temporary Permit Holder****Graduate Psychiatric Nurse**

	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>	<b>Step 7</b>	<b>Step 8</b>	<b>Step 9</b>
April 1, 2018	\$33.72	\$34.76	\$35.49	\$36.14	\$36.71	\$37.48	\$38.67	\$39.79	\$41.19
2% LSPA Rate	\$34.39	\$35.46	\$36.20	\$36.86	\$37.44	\$38.23	\$39.44	\$40.59	\$42.01
April 1, 2019	\$33.72	\$34.76	\$35.49	\$36.14	\$36.71	\$37.48	\$38.67	\$39.79	\$41.19
2% LSPA Rate	\$34.39	\$35.46	\$36.20	\$36.86	\$37.44	\$38.23	\$39.44	\$40.59	\$42.01

**Nurse Clinician**

	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>	<b>Step 7</b>	<b>Step 8</b>	<b>Step 9</b>
April 1, 2018	\$38.09	\$39.74	\$41.35	\$42.91	44.43	\$46.08	\$47.55	\$48.96	\$50.67
2% LSPA Rate	\$38.85	\$40.53	\$42.18	\$43.77	\$45.32	\$47.00	\$48.50	\$49.94	\$51.68
April 1, 2019	\$38.09	\$39.74	\$41.35	\$42.91	44.43	\$46.08	\$47.55	\$48.96	\$50.67
2% LSPA Rate	\$38.85	\$40.53	\$42.18	\$43.77	\$45.32	\$47.00	\$48.50	\$49.94	\$51.68

**Undergraduate Nurse**

	<b>Step 1</b>
April 1, 2018	\$27.68
April 1, 2019	\$27.68



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

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