

Collective Agreement

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**Ontario Public Service Employees Union
on behalf of its Local 215**

and

Niagara Health System

Combined Full-Time and Part-Time Paramedical

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ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE

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

It is recognized that employees wish to work together with the Hospital to secure the best possible care and health protection for patients.

ARTICLE 2 – DEFINITIONS

Where the singular is used in this Agreement, it may also be deemed to mean plural and vice versa where the context so requires.

Full-time, Regular Part-time, Casual Part-time and Temporary Employees

All pre-existing definitions concerning full-time, regular part-time, casual part-time or temporary employees that appear in a Local Collective Agreement, shall be maintained but not altered, unless the local parties agree to delete the language and move to the Central language.

- 2.01 A full-time employee is an employee who is regularly scheduled to work the normal full-time hours referred to in Article 16.
- 2.02 A regular part-time employee is an employee who regularly works less than the normal weekly full-time hours referred to in Article 16 and who commits to be available for work on a regular predetermined basis.
- 2.03 A casual part-time employee is an employee who is not regularly scheduled and who does not commit to be available for work on a regular predetermined basis.

The parties agree the matter of ensuring that casual employees can be scheduled so that they maintain competency may be raised during local bargaining.

- 2.04 A temporary employee is an employee defined in accordance with Article 13.01.

(NOTE: Any other provision(s) related to local definitions that existed in the expiring Collective Agreement will be continued in the Local Provisions Appendix.)

ARTICLE 3 – NO DISCRIMINATION OR HARASSMENT

The parties agree that a safe workplace, free of violence and harassment, is a fundamental principle of a healthy workplace. Commitment to a healthy workplace requires a high degree of cooperation between members of the healthcare community. Employees are empowered to report incidents of disruptive behaviour or domestic violence without fear of retaliation. The parties are committed to a harassment and violence free workplace and recognize the importance of addressing discrimination and harassment issues in a timely and effective manner.

- 3.01 The Hospital and the Union agree that there will be no discrimination, interference, intimidation, restriction or coercion exercised or practiced by any of their representatives with respect to any employee because of their membership or non-membership in the Union or activity or lack of activity on behalf of the Union or by reason of exercising their rights under the Collective Agreement.
- 3.02 It is agreed that there will be no discrimination or harassment by either party or by any of the employees covered by this Agreement on the basis of race, ancestry, place of origin, creed, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, gender identity, gender expression, age, record of offences, same-sex partnership status, family status or disability or any other factor which is not pertinent to the employment relationship.
- 3.03 Every employee who is covered by this Agreement has a right to freedom from harassment in the workplace in accordance with the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.
- 3.04 The Hospital and the Union recognize their joint duty to appropriately accommodate employees in accordance with the provisions of the *Ontario Human Rights Code*. The parties agree that the goal is, where possible, to return the employee to full, active duty in the workplace through a safe and expedient process.

ARTICLE 4 – NO STRIKE/NO LOCKOUT

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

ARTICLE 5 – UNION SECURITY (Dues Deduction)

- 5.01 (a) The Employer shall deduct from employees in the bargaining unit in each pay period, and from the first day of employment for newly hired employees, an amount equivalent to such union dues as designated by the Union from time to time. In addition, the Employer shall deduct union dues from any retroactive wage payments.
- (b) The Employer shall remit the total amount of such deductions to the OPSEU Accounting Department, 100 Lesmill Road, Toronto, Ontario not later than the fifteenth (15th) day of each month following the month in which deductions were made. The remittance shall be accompanied by a list of the employees from whom deductions were made, including their job title and status (i.e. full-time, regular part-time, casual, or on leave of absence greater than thirty (30) days). A copy of the list shall be forwarded to the Local Union.
- 5.02 The Union agrees to save the Employer harmless and to indemnify the Employer with respect to any claim made against the Employer by any employee or group of employees arising out of the deduction of Union dues as herein provided.

ARTICLE 6 – REPRESENTATION AND COMMITTEES

6.01 Union Stewards

The Hospital agrees to recognize union stewards to be elected or appointed from amongst the employees in the bargaining unit for the purpose of handling grievances as provided under this Collective Agreement.

Union stewards have their regular duties and responsibilities to perform for the Hospital and shall not leave their regular duties without first obtaining permission from their immediate supervisor. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld. If, in the performance of their grievance duties, a union steward is required to enter an area within the Hospital in which they are not ordinarily employed they shall report their presence to the supervisor in the area immediately upon entering it. When resuming their regular duties and responsibilities, such steward shall again report to their immediate supervisor. A union steward shall suffer no loss of earnings for time spent in performing the above duties during their regular scheduled working hours.

The number of stewards and the areas which they represent, are to be determined locally and will be set out in the Local Provisions Appendix.

6.02 Grievance Committee

The Hospital will recognize a grievance committee comprising of members to be elected or appointed from the bargaining unit. One member shall be chairman. The purpose of the committee is to deal with grievances as set out in this Collective Agreement.

The number of employees on the grievance committee shall be determined locally and shall be set out in the Local Provisions Appendix.

6.03 (a) Labour-Management Committee

The parties mutually agree that there are matters that would be beneficial if discussed at a Labour-Management Committee meeting during the term of this Agreement. The Committee shall be comprised of an equal number of representatives of each party as mutually agreed and shall meet at a time and place that is mutually satisfactory. The Committee shall meet once every two (2) months, unless agreed otherwise. A request for a meeting hereunder will be made in writing at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date proposed and accompanied by an agenda of matters proposed to be discussed. Where a Hospital has two or more agreements with OPSEU, then a joint committee shall represent all units unless otherwise agreed. The Hospital undertakes to notify the Union in advance so far as is practicable of any renovations or construction projects that will affect bargaining unit employees.

(b) Part-Time Utilization Information

The Hospital agrees to supply the local union with part-time/full-time hours utilization by department, at the time specified for the posting of seniority lists. The Hospital further agrees to supply the Union, upon request, with other information that is reasonably related to utilization.

The parties may discuss part-time/full-time utilization through the Labour-Management Committee. The Hospital agrees to consider Union proposals for alternate distribution of hours between part-time and full-time. The Union recognizes the Hospital's right to determine such utilization.

6.04 (a) Negotiating Committee

The Hospital agrees to recognize a negotiating committee comprised of members to be elected or appointed from the bargaining unit. Where the Hospital participates in central bargaining, the purpose of the negotiating committee shall be to negotiate local issues as defined in this Collective Agreement. Where the Hospital does not participate in central bargaining, the purpose of the negotiating committee shall be to negotiate a renewal of this Collective Agreement. The Hospital agrees that the members of the negotiating committee shall suffer no loss of earnings for time spent during their regular scheduled working hours in attending negotiating meetings with the Hospital up to, and including, conciliation.

The number of members on the negotiating committee shall be determined locally and will be set out in the Local Provisions Appendix.

(b) Pay for Central Negotiating Committee

Union Negotiating Committee members up to a maximum of seven (7) shall be paid for time lost from their normal straight time working hours at their regular rate of pay and without loss of leave credits for attending central negotiating meetings with the Hospital Central Negotiating Committee in direct negotiations up to and including conciliation. If the parties are unable to arrive at a negotiated collective agreement through either direct negotiations or conciliation, the Hospital agrees that members of the Union Negotiating Committee shall receive unpaid leave for purpose of attending arbitration hearings.

6.05 List of Union Representatives

The Union agrees to provide and maintain an up-to-date list of all Union Representatives (including Union Stewards, Union Executive, Grievance Committee, Labour-Management Committee and Negotiating Committee) to the Director of Human Resources or designate.

6.06 New Employee Interview

All new employees will have the opportunity to meet with a representative of the Union in the employ of the Hospital for a period of up to fifteen (15) minutes during the employee's probationary period, without loss of regular earnings. The purpose of such meeting will be to acquaint the employee(s) with such representative of the Union and the collective agreement. These interviews will be scheduled in advance and may be arranged collectively or individually by the Hospital.

6.07 Workload

When an employee or group of employees covered by this Agreement have cause to believe that they are being asked to perform more work than is consistent with proper patient care such concern will be raised with their immediate manager/designate. Where a resolution is not reached, such workload problems may be discussed by the local Labour-Management Committee. Such complaint must be filed in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days using the form in Appendix A. This fifteen (15) day period shall include the attempt to resolve the issue at the unit/department level. The manager/designate will provide a written response to the complainant(s), with a copy to the bargaining unit President or designate and the Labour-Management Committee.

6.08 Professional Responsibility

- (i) The Parties have a mutual interest in the provision of quality patient care. Therefore, when an employee, or group of employees, covered by this Agreement and governed by an Ontario College under the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, have cause to believe that they are being asked to perform more work than is consistent with proper patient care it is agreed by the parties that such workload problems may be discussed by the local Labour-Management Committee. Such complaint must be filed in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days of the alleged improper assignment, using the form in Appendix A. This fifteen (15) day period shall include the attempt to resolve the issue at the unit/departmental level. The manager/designate will provide a written response to the complainant(s), with a copy to the bargaining unit President or designate and the Labour-Management Committee.
- (ii) If, after a thorough investigation, no consensus can be reached at Labour-Management Committee the parties will meet with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/Chief Operating Officer (COO) within thirty (30) days of referral to present the issues. The CEO/COO will notify the Union of the decision in writing within fourteen (14) days.
- (iii) Where the employer requires employees to maintain membership in a professional association, the requirement for such membership and for payment thereof, may be the topic of local negotiations, as described in the Memorandum of Conditions for Joint Bargaining.

ARTICLE 7 – HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 7.01 It is a mutual interest of the parties to promote health and safety in workplaces and to prevent and reduce the occurrence of workplace injuries and occupational diseases. The parties agree that health and safety is of the utmost importance and agree to promote health and safety and wellness throughout the organization. The employer shall provide orientation and training in health and safety to new and current employees and employees shall attend required health and safety training sessions.
- 7.02 Prior to effecting any changes in policies, procedures or programs pertaining to the provision of a safe and healthy workplace which affect workers covered by this Agreement, the Hospital will discuss the changes with and provide copies to the Union. Such topics may include but are not limited to: violence in the workplace (including verbal abuse), musculoskeletal injury prevention, needle stick and other sharps injury prevention, workers who regularly work alone or who are isolated in the workplace, and wellness initiatives.
- 7.03 When faced with occupational health and safety decisions, the Hospital will not await full scientific or absolute certainty before taking reasonable action(s) including but not limited to, providing readily accessible personal protective equipment that reduces risk and protects workers.
- 7.04 (a) A worker who is required by the Hospital to wear or use any protective clothing, equipment or device shall be instructed and trained in its care, use and limitations before wearing or using it for the first time and at regular intervals thereafter and the worker shall participate in such instruction and training. The Hospital shall ensure that the personal protective clothing, equipment, or device it provides will be maintained in good condition.
- (b) Hospitals will ensure adequate stocks of the N95 respirator or equivalent or better (or such other personal protective equipment as the parties may in writing agree) to be made available to workers at short notice in the event that there are reasonable indications of the emergence of a pandemic, epidemic or outbreak of an infectious disease in the community served by the Hospital.
- 7.05 The Union agrees to fully support the Hospital in promoting safety rules and practices. Additionally, the Union will encourage its members in the observation of all safety rules and practices.

- 7.06 (a) This section does not apply to a worker:
- (i) when a circumstance described below is inherent in the workers' work or is a normal condition of the worker's employment; or
 - (ii) when the worker's refusal to work would directly endanger the life, health or safety of another person.
- (b) A worker may refuse to work or do particular work where they have reason to believe that:
- (i) any equipment, machine, device or thing the worker is to use or operate is likely to endanger themselves, or another worker;
 - (ii) the physical condition of the workplace or the part thereof in which they work or is to work is likely to endanger themselves; or
 - (iii) any equipment, machine, device or thing they are to use or operate or the physical condition of the workplace or the part thereof in which they work or are to work is in contravention of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* or the regulations and such contravention is likely to endanger themselves or another worker.

7.07 Joint Health and Safety Committee

NOTE: Where there are multiple sites, the Local Parties are referred to Article 27 (Multi-site Language) to determine Local Applicability of Health & Safety Committee structure.

- (a) Recognizing its responsibilities under the applicable legislation, the Hospital agrees to accept as a member of its Joint Health and Safety Committee, at least one (1) representative selected or appointed by the Union from amongst bargaining unit employees.
- (b) Such Committee shall identify potential dangers and hazards, institute means of improving health and safety programs and recommend actions to be taken to improve conditions related to safety and health.
- (c) It is understood that consultation on issues of mutual concern will occur between the Joint Health and Safety Committee and Infection Control.

- (d) The Hospital agrees to co-operate in providing necessary information to enable the Committee to fulfil its functions. In addition, the Hospital will provide the Committee with access to the Hospital's pandemic plan and related risk assessment(s), all accident reports, health and safety records, notifications of exposure to an infectious or contagious disease, and any other pertinent information in its possession. The Hospital will also provide the Committee with reports on fit testing compliance annually and personal protective equipment inventory on a quarterly basis. The Committee shall respect the confidentiality of the information.
- (e) Meetings shall be held every second month or more frequently at the call of a co-chair, when requested. The Committee shall maintain minutes of all meetings and make the same available for review.
- (f) Any representative appointed or selected in accordance with 7.07 (a) hereof, shall serve for a term of at least one (1) calendar year from the date of appointment. Time off for such representative(s) to attend meetings of the Joint Health and Safety Committee in accordance with the foregoing, shall be granted.

A member of the Committee is entitled to:

- i) one (1) hour or such longer period of time as the Committee determines is necessary to prepare for each Committee meeting;
- ii) such time as is necessary to attend meetings of the Committee; and
- iii) such time as is necessary to carry out inspections and investigations contemplated under subsection 9(26), 9(27), and 9(31) of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* R.S.O. 1990 as amended up to and including 1998.

A member of the Committee shall be deemed to be at work during the times described above and the member's employer shall pay the member for those times at the member's regular or premium rate as may be proper.

- (g) The Hospital will ensure that there is one (1) OPSEU member certified, as described in the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* R.S.O. 1990, as amended up to and including 1998 among the OPSEU bargaining unit(s) at the Hospital. Such member on the Committee will be selected or appointed by the Union. All issues relating to salary and costs associated with obtaining certification shall be in accordance with Article 14.06.

(h) The parties agree that the following items are appropriate for discussion at Committee meetings:

- Proposed changes to diagnostic or medical machines and equipment that will impact the health and safety of employees;
- The nature, content and duration of health and safety training programs for employees;
- The use of personal protective equipment by employees.

The Committee may, in addition to the above, discuss other items relating to the health and safety of employees.

(i) At Committee meetings the Hospital shall provide the Committee with a summary of all lost-time claims, health care claims, occupational disease claims, reports on accidents and critical or fatal injuries. In addition, all relevant government directives and orders shall be provided to the Committee. The Committee shall review this information and propose methods of reducing the number of injuries or accidents.

(j) The Committee shall participate in all inquiries and investigations pursuant to the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. The co-chairs* will determine the appropriate member or members who will participate in the investigation. If neither co-chair is available, the most appropriate committee member will be designated to participate in the investigation. In determining the appropriate member or members who will participate in the investigation, the parties recognize the interests of an OPSEU representative being involved in an investigation that involves an OPSEU bargaining unit member.

*NOTE: If there is only one co-chair available, they will determine who will participate in the investigation.

7.08 Hepatitis B Vaccine

Where the Hospital identifies high risk areas where employees are exposed to Hepatitis B, the Hospital will provide, at no cost to the employees, a Hepatitis B vaccine.

7.09 Influenza Vaccine

The parties agree that influenza vaccinations may be beneficial for patients and employees. Upon a recommendation pertaining to a facility or a specifically designated area(s) thereof from the Medical Officer of Health or in compliance with applicable provincial legislation, the following rules will apply:

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

7.10 Pandemic Planning

In the event there are reasonable indications of the emergence of a pandemic any employee working at more than one health care facility will, upon the request of the Hospital, provide information of such employment to the Hospital. No consequence will flow from such disclosure, other than as strictly necessary to prevent the spread of infection.

ARTICLE 8 – GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

- 8.01 Employees shall have the right, upon request, to the presence of a Union Steward at any stage of the grievance procedure, including the complaint stage, or at any time when formal discipline is imposed. The Hospital agrees that it will not discipline an employee without just cause. Where the Hospital deems it necessary to suspend or discharge an employee, the Hospital shall notify the Union, in writing, of such suspension or discharge.
- 8.02 For the purpose of this Agreement, a grievance is defined as a difference arising between a member of the bargaining unit and the Hospital relating to the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of the Agreement.
- 8.03 (a) It is the mutual desire of the parties hereto that complaints shall be adjusted as quickly as possible, and it is understood that an employee has no grievance until they have first given their immediate supervisor the opportunity of adjusting their complaint. Such complaint shall be discussed with their immediate supervisor within nine (9) calendar days from the event giving rise to the grievance, or from when the employee should have reasonably become aware of the event giving rise to the grievance. Failing settlement within nine (9) calendar days, it shall then be taken up as a grievance within the nine (9) calendar days following their immediate supervisor's decision in the following manner and sequence:
- (b) The employee must submit the grievance through the Local Union, signed by the grievor and the Local Union President, or designate, to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Hospital, or designate, with a copy to the immediate supervisor. The employee may be accompanied, if they so desire, by their union steward. The grievance shall identify the nature of the grievance, the remedy sought, and should specify the provisions of the Agreement which are alleged to have been violated.

- (c) The parties will have a period of up to thirty (30) calendar days from the date the grievance is filed to attempt to resolve the grievance, and in any case, to provide the Union with a formal written response setting out the Hospital's position on the matter.
- (d) During the thirty (30) day resolution period referred to above, the parties will attempt to resolve the matter(s) in dispute through a meeting or a series of meetings which shall involve the individuals with authority to resolve the grievance. In all cases, the meeting(s) shall include the Union Grievance Committee.
- (e) Prior to the initial meeting date being established, the parties will provide document disclosure on a without prejudice basis to each other, with the purpose of providing both parties with the opportunity to understand the grievance and to prepare for the resolution meeting(s).

In determining a date for the meeting the parties will consider:

- (i) the time needed for research, consultation and preparation for the meeting(s) and,
- (ii) the time needed, after the meeting, and before the expiry of the thirty (30) day period, to conduct follow-up activities including the possibility of holding further meetings.

For these reasons the initial meeting will generally take place during the middle ten (10) days of the thirty (30) day period.

- (f) In resolving the dispute, the parties will hold the meeting, and any other meetings as may be agreed, to thoroughly consider the grievance and attempt to find a resolution. The governing principle will be that the parties have a mutual interest in their own solutions and avoiding, if at all possible, having the decision made by an arbitrator.
- (g) If the parties are unable to resolve the grievance, the Hospital will provide the Union with a written response to the grievance by the end of the thirtieth (30th) day following the date of the filing of the grievance.
- (h) The Union will then have a period of fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of the Hospital's response to determine if the response is acceptable or will refer the matter to arbitration.

- (i) If the grievance is filed by the Hospital, the Union will provide a response by the end of the thirtieth (30th) day following the date the grievance was filed. The Hospital will have fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of the Union's response to determine if it will accept the Union's response or will refer the matter to arbitration.

8.04 Policy Grievance

A grievance arising directly between the Hospital and the Union concerning the interpretation, application or alleged violation of the Agreement shall be originated at the level of the CEO, or designate, within fourteen (14) calendar days following the circumstances giving rise to the grievance.

It is expressly understood, however, that the provisions of this Article may not be used with respect to a grievance directly affecting an employee which they could have instituted themselves and the regular grievance procedure shall not be thereby bypassed. Where the grievance is a Hospital grievance it shall be filed with the Local Union President or designate.

8.05 Group Grievance

Where a number of employees have identical grievances and each one would be entitled to grieve separately, they may present a group grievance in writing through the Local Union, signed by each employee who is grieving and the Local Union President, or designate, to the CEO, or their designate, within fourteen (14) calendar days after the circumstances giving rise to the grievance have occurred. The grievance shall then be treated in the manner as set out for an individual grievance.

8.06 Discharge Grievance

The release of a probationary employee shall not be the subject of a grievance or arbitration.

The Hospital agrees that it will not discharge, without just cause, an employee who has completed their probationary period. A claim by an employee who has completed their probationary period that they have been unjustly discharged shall be treated as a grievance. Such grievance shall be submitted through the Local Union, signed by the grievor and the Local Union President, or designate, to the CEO of the Hospital, or designate within seven (7) calendar days after the date the discharge is effected. Such grievance may be settled by:

- (a) confirming the Hospital's action in dismissing the employee, or
 - (b) reinstating the employee with or without loss of seniority and with or without full compensation for the time lost, or
 - (c) any other arrangement which may be deemed just and equitable.
- 8.07 Failing settlement under the foregoing procedure, any grievance, including a question as to whether the grievance is arbitrable, may be submitted to arbitration as herein provided. If no written request for arbitration is received within fourteen (14) calendar days after the decision under the foregoing procedure is given, the grievance shall be deemed to have been abandoned.
- 8.08 All agreements reached under the grievance procedure between the representatives of the Hospital, the representatives of the Union and the grievor(s) will be final and binding upon the parties.
- 8.09 When either party requests that any matter be submitted to arbitration as provided in this Article, it shall make such request in writing addressed to the other party to this Agreement, and at the same time appoint a nominee. Within seven (7) calendar days thereafter, the other party shall appoint its nominee, provided however, that if such party fails to appoint its nominee as herein required, the Minister of Labour for the Province of Ontario shall have the power to make such appointment upon application thereto by the party invoking the arbitration procedure. The two nominees shall attempt to agree upon a Chair of the Arbitration Board. If they are unable to agree upon such Chair within a period of fourteen (14) calendar days, they shall then request the Minister of Labour for the Province of Ontario to appoint a Chair.
- 8.10 No person may be appointed as an arbitrator who has been involved in an attempt to negotiate or settle the grievance, except as herein provided.
- 8.11 No matter may be submitted to arbitration which has not been properly carried through all requisite steps of the grievance procedure.
- 8.12 The Arbitration Board shall not be authorized to make any decision inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement, or to alter, modify, add to or amend any part of this Agreement.
- 8.13 The proceedings of the Arbitration Board will be expedited by the parties. The decision of the majority, and where there is no majority, the decision of the Chair, will be final and binding upon the parties hereto and the employee(s).

- 8.14 Each of the parties will bear the expense of its nominee, and the parties will share equally the fees and expenses of the Chair of the Arbitration Board.
- 8.15 The time limits set out in this Article are mandatory and failure to comply strictly with such time limits, except by the written agreement of the parties, shall result in the grievance being deemed to have been abandoned.
- 8.16 The parties to this Agreement wish to encourage the settlement of grievances as soon as is possible and, wherever possible, without resort to arbitration. For these reasons:
- (a) The parties are encouraged to take advantage of the process for mediation/arbitration as provided for in S.50 of the *Labour Relations Act, 1995* (R.S.O. 1995 as amended) (the “Act”).
 - (b) When the parties do not elect to use S.50 of the Act in the period immediately following the referral of a matter to arbitration, the parties will commence a period of review. During this time they will each seek informed opinion with respect to the matter in dispute and consider whether the issues involved are such that the assistance of a mediator, or some form of early intervention, may be helpful. It is expected that this will occur within the first sixty (60) calendar days following referral of the matter to arbitration, avoiding the delay and costs that result from this process occurring immediately prior to an established hearing date.
 - (c) By mutual agreement, the parties at the local level can create a list of arbitrators.
- 8.17 Where Arbitration Board is referred to in the Agreement, the parties may mutually agree in writing to substitute a single arbitrator for the Arbitration Board at the time of reference to arbitration and the other provisions referring to Arbitration Board shall appropriately apply.
- 8.18 Notwithstanding the time limits as set out herein, in the interest of bringing the matter to an expeditious conclusion, where the decision or response is provided in less than the number of days provided above, any subsequent response will measure from the receipt of the response.

ARTICLE 9 – LETTERS OF REPRIMAND AND ACCESS TO FILES

- 9.01 Any letter of reprimand or suspension will be removed from the record of an employee eighteen (18) months following the receipt by the employee of such letter or suspension provided that the employee's record has been discipline free for such eighteen (18) month period. Leaves of absence in excess of thirty (30) calendar days will not count towards the eighteen (18) month period.
- 9.02 Each employee shall have reasonable access to their file for the purposes of reviewing any evaluations, letters of counseling or formal disciplinary notations contained therein. Such review shall take place in the presence of the employer. A copy of the above documents will be provided to the employee on request. An employee is entitled to place a written response to letters of counseling in their file.

ARTICLE 10 – SENIORITY AND SERVICE

(The following clauses will appear in all collective agreements replacing any provision related to Effect of Absence that existed in the Hospital's collective agreement expiring 2019.)

10.01 Probationary Period

Newly hired employees shall be considered to be on probation for a period of ninety (90) tours worked from date of last hire (675 hours of work for employees whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day). If retained after the probationary period, the employee shall be credited with seniority from date of last hire. With the written consent of the Hospital, the probationary employee and the President of the Local Union or their designate, such probationary period may be extended.

It is understood and agreed that any extension to the probationary period will not exceed an additional sixty (60) tours worked (450 hours of work for employees whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day) or such lesser period as may be agreed by the parties. The release of a probationary employee shall not be the subject of a grievance or arbitration.

10.02 Seniority List

A seniority list will be maintained for each department. The Hospital shall post such list and provide the Union with a copy, indicating bargaining unit seniority, twice per year.

10.03 Seniority Accumulation

(Article 10.03 (a) is applicable to part-time employees only)

- (a) (i) Part-time employees shall have their seniority expressed on the basis of number of hours worked in the bargaining unit. (The foregoing is for clarity only and therefore does not modify an employee's level of seniority under this collective agreement or previous collective agreements.)
- (ii) Notwithstanding Article 10.03(a)(i) seniority shall accrue during a pregnancy leave or parental leave. Seniority shall accumulate for a period of up to seventeen (17) weeks while an employee is on pregnancy leave. For parental leave, seniority shall accumulate for a period of up to sixty-one (61) weeks after the parental leave began, if the employee also took pregnancy leave, and sixty-three (63) weeks if the employee did not take pregnancy leave.
- (iii) For the purposes of pregnancy leave and parental leave, seniority accrual shall be determined by multiplying the normal weekly hours times the number of weeks the employee is absent on such leave.
- (iv) Seniority for part-time employees shall accrue for absences due to a disability resulting in WSIB benefits, or illness or injury in excess of thirty (30) consecutive calendar days. The rate of accumulation will be based on the employee's normal weekly hours paid over the preceding qualifying twenty-six (26) weeks. A qualifying week is a week where the employee is not absent due to vacation, pregnancy/parental leave, WSIB, or illness or injury that exceed thirty (30) consecutive calendar days.
- (v) A part-time employee cannot accrue more than 1650 hours of seniority and service in a twelve (12) month period. The 12-month period shall be negotiated locally and shall be set out in the Local Appendix.

(Article 10.03 (b) and (c) are applicable to full-time employees only)

- (b) Full-time employees will accumulate seniority on the basis of their continuous service in the bargaining unit from the last date of hire, except as otherwise provided in the collective agreement or previous collective agreements. (The foregoing is for clarity only and therefore does not modify an employee's level of seniority under this collective agreement or previous collective agreements.)
- (c) In the application of seniority, no employee's seniority date may pre-date their start date.

10.04 Transfer of Seniority

Note: There will be no retroactive monetary adjustment as a result of the implementation of this clause. This means that service credits for the purposes of placement on the grid, vacation entitlement and any other service-based benefit will be adjusted, but no retroactive money, vacation days, or service-based benefit will be owing.

Seniority and service shall be retained by an employee in the event they are transferred from full-time to part-time or vice versa. An employee whose status is changed from full-time to part-time shall receive credit for their seniority and service on the basis of 1650 hours worked for each year of full-time seniority and service. An employee whose status is changed from part-time to full-time shall receive credit for their seniority and service on the basis of one (1) year of seniority and service for each 1650 hours worked. Any time worked in excess of an equivalent shall be pro-rated at the time of transfer.

NOTE: Those Hospital contracts currently with a lesser hourly requirement shall continue.

10.05 Effect of Absence

(Article 10.05 is applicable to full-time employees only)

- (a) It is understood that during an approved unpaid absence not exceeding thirty (30) continuous days or any approved absence paid by the Hospital, both seniority and service will accrue.

- (b) During an unpaid absence exceeding thirty (30) continuous calendar days, credit for service for purposes of salary increments, vacation, sick leave, or any other benefit under any provision of the Collective Agreement or elsewhere, shall be suspended; the benefits concerned appropriately reduced on a pro rata basis and the employee's anniversary date adjusted accordingly.
- (c) During an unpaid absence under Article 10.05(b), the employee will become responsible for full payment of subsidized employee benefits in which they are participating for the period of the absence. The employee may arrange with the Hospital to prepay the full premium of any applicable subsidized benefits in which they are participating during the period of leave in excess of thirty (30) continuous days to ensure continuing coverage.
- (d) It is further understood that during such leave of absence, credit for seniority shall be suspended and not accrue during the period of absence. Notwithstanding this provision, seniority shall accrue if an employee's absence is due to disability resulting in WSIB benefits or LTD benefits including the period of the disability program covered by Employment Insurance.
- (e) Notwithstanding Article 10.05 (b), and (d), seniority and service shall accumulate for a period of up to seventeen (17) weeks while an employee is on pregnancy leave. For parental leave, seniority and service shall accumulate for a period of up to sixty-one (61) weeks after the parental leave began, if the employee also took pregnancy leave, and sixty-three (63) weeks if the employee did not take pregnancy leave.
- (e) During the period of an employee's pregnancy and/or parental leave vacation pay will be based on a percentage of their gross salary for work performed as set out in Article 19.01.
- (f) The Hospital will continue to pay its share of the premiums of the subsidized employee benefits including pension, in which the employee is participating for a period from the commencement of the leave up to seventeen (17) weeks while an employee is on pregnancy leave and up to sixty-one (61) weeks while the employee is on parental leave (sixty-three (63) weeks if the employee did not take pregnancy leave), unless the employee does not intend to pay their contributions.
- (g) The Hospital agrees to provide, in response to an employee's request, the employee's service and/or anniversary date.

10.06 Application of Seniority on Layoff and Recall

For purposes of layoff and recall, seniority shall operate on a department-wide basis, i.e., laboratory, radiology or such other departments which exist in the individual hospitals where the employees are covered by this Agreement.

10.07 Layoff and Recall Rights

Seniority lists and layoff and recall rights for full-time employees shall be separate from seniority lists and layoff and recall rights for part-time employees, subject to Article 11.06 (e), (f) and (i).

10.08 Retention and Accumulation of Seniority on Transfer Outside the Bargaining Unit

- (a) An employee who is transferred to a position outside the bargaining unit for:
 - (i) a period of less than eighteen (18) months or such longer period as the parties may agree upon or;
 - (ii) a specific term of appointment, including temporarily replacing an employee outside the bargaining unit

shall retain but not accumulate seniority held at the time of transfer. In the event the employee is returned to a position in the bargaining unit within the time periods noted in or (i) and (ii) above they shall be credited with the seniority held at the time of transfer and shall resume accumulation from the date of their return to the bargaining unit.

- (b) Notwithstanding the above, the parties recognize that there may be unique situations which arise where it may be appropriate for seniority and service to accrue for work outside the bargaining unit. Where such situations exist, the local parties have the authority to negotiate the accumulation of seniority for such periods of time. Where the local parties so agree, union dues will continue to be deducted.

10.09 Loss of Service and Seniority

An employee shall lose all service and seniority and shall be deemed to have terminated if the employee:

- (a) leaves of their own accord;

- (b) is discharged and the discharge is not reversed through the grievance or arbitration procedure;
- (c) has been laid off without recall pursuant to Article 11.09 for twenty-four (24) months;
- (d) is absent from scheduled work for a period of three (3) or more consecutive working days, without notifying the Hospital of such absence and providing a reason satisfactory to the Hospital;
- (e) fails to return to work (subject to the provisions of (d)) upon termination of an authorized leave of absence without satisfactory reason or utilizes a leave of absence, without permission, for purposes other than that for which the leave was granted;
- (f) fails upon being notified of a recall to signify their intention to return within five (5) calendar days after they have received the notice of recall mailed by registered mail to the last known address according to the records of the Hospital and fails to report to work within ten (10) calendar days after they have received the notice of recall or such further period of time as may be agreed upon by the parties.

ARTICLE 11 – LAYOFF AND RECALL

Note: Article 11 applies to Full-Time and Regular Part-Time Employees only.

- 11.01 (a) For purposes of layoff under Article 11, the clinical laboratory department would include the sub-disciplines of laboratory medicine. For purposes of layoff under this Article, a discipline is a service function within a department.
- (b) Where an employee has their shift cancelled, the employee shall not be entitled to displace another employee.
- (c) For the purposes of layoff under Article 11, it is understood that the definition of a long-term layoff includes a permanent reduction of hours of a full-time employee.

11.02 Short Term Layoff (not greater than 13 weeks)

An employee who is subject to layoff for a period not greater than thirteen (13) weeks shall have the following entitlements:

- (a) Where the Hospital plans the reduction of a service on a short term basis that may lead to a short term layoff of staff, it will notify the affected employee(s) and the Union as soon as possible. The Hospital will allow affected staff to use vacation, other accrued time or unpaid leave to minimize the effect of the reduction.
- (b) Accept the layoff and be placed on a recall list for twenty-four (24) months. During this period of layoff the employee may elect to receive payment of some or all of their earned vacation credits up to a maximum of the period of the layoff. It is understood that their vacation bank and entitlement will be appropriately reduced for that vacation year; or
- (c) Displace an employee within their classification who has lesser bargaining unit seniority and who is the least senior employee within their classification, if the employee originally subject to layoff can perform the duties of the least senior employee in their classification in their discipline.
- (d) An employee who has the right to displace another employee shall have the right to the same training period as would typically be accorded to a new employee. Such training period may commence prior to the anticipated layoff.
- (e) If the employee cannot displace an employee in (c), the employee may displace an employee who has lesser bargaining unit seniority and who is the least senior employee in a lower or identical paying classification in their discipline, if the employee originally subject to layoff can perform the duties of the least senior employee in a lower or identical paying classification in their discipline.

11.03 (A) Long Term Layoff (greater than 13 weeks)

The Hospital and the Union agree to work jointly to minimize any adverse effects of a long term or permanent layoff (greater than thirteen (13) weeks duration) on employees, and maximize creative approaches that meet the interests of both the Hospital and the employees. Accordingly, in the event of such a layoff the Hospital will:

- (a) provide the Union with no less than five (5) months' notice.
- (b) provide the Labour-Management Committee with pertinent financial and staffing information and with a copy of any reorganization plans which impact on the bargaining unit to allow the Committee to carry out its mandated role under this Article.

- (c) at the time that notice is given to the Union, and prior to the giving of written notice to the employees if possible, jointly evaluate, plan and review:
 - (i) the reason causing the layoff
 - (ii) the service the Hospital will undertake after the layoff
 - (iii) how the Hospital intends to effect the layoff, including areas where layoffs will occur, and which employees will be laid off
 - (iv) ways the Hospital can assist employees to find alternate employment
 - (v) ways and means of avoiding or minimizing the impact, including:
 - 1. identifying and reviewing possible alternatives to any action that the Hospital may propose taking;
 - 2. identifying and reviewing ways to address on-the-job retraining needs of employees;
 - 3. identifying vacant positions within the Hospital for which surplus members of the bargaining unit might qualify, or such positions which are currently filled but which are expected to become vacant within a twelve (12) month period;
 - 4. identifying Contracting in opportunities;
 - 5. mapping bumping options for affected employees, to the extent possible.
- (d) Any agreement between the Hospital and the Union resulting from the above review concerning the method of implementation will take precedence over the terms of this Agreement.

11.03 (B) Notice of Elimination of a Position

In the event of the elimination of a vacant position or in circumstances where the Hospital decides not to fill a vacated position, the Union will be provided with notice at the time the decision is made.

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

- i) The reasons causing the elimination

- ii) The service the Hospital will undertake after the elimination
 - iii) The Union's proposed possible alternatives to the elimination, if any
- 11.04 (a) Local Human Resource Plans will apply to Health Services Restructuring Commission directives. In other circumstances, the balance of Article 11.04 will apply.
- (b) Before issuing notice of long term layoff pursuant to Article 11.05(b), and following notice pursuant to Article 11.03(a), the Hospital will make offers of early retirement allowance in accordance with the following conditions:
 - (i) The Hospital will first make offers in order of seniority in the department(s) and in classifications where layoffs would otherwise occur. The Hospital will offer the same number of early retirements as the number of layoffs it would otherwise make.
 - (ii) The Hospital will make offers to employees eligible for early retirement under the Hospital pension plan (including regular part-time, if applicable, whether or not they participate in the hospital pension plan).
 - (iii) If no employees in the department affected accept the offer, the Hospital will then extend the offer to other employees in the same classification as that being affected in the bargaining unit in order of seniority.
 - (iv) The number of early retirements the Hospital approves will not exceed the number of employees in that classification who would otherwise be laid off.
 - (v) An employee who elects an early retirement option shall receive, following completion of the last day of work, a retirement allowance of two (2) weeks' salary for each year of service, to a maximum ceiling of fifty-two (52) weeks' salary. (See chart at Article 11.14)
- (c) If after making offers of early retirement, individual layoff notices are still required, prior to issuing those notices the Hospital will offer a voluntary early exit option in accordance with the following conditions:
 - (i) The Hospital will first make offers in the classifications within department(s) where layoffs would otherwise occur. If more

employees than are required are interested, the Hospital will make its decision based on seniority.

- (ii) If insufficient employees in the department affected accept the offer, the Hospital will then extend the offer to employees in the same classification in other departments. If more employees than are required are interested, the Hospital will make its decision based on seniority.
- (iii) In no case will the Hospital approve an employee's request under (i) and (ii) above for a voluntary early exit option, if the employees remaining are not qualified to perform the available work.
- (iv) The number of voluntary early exit options the Hospital approves will not exceed the number of employees in that classification who would otherwise be laid off. The last day of employment for an employee who accepts a voluntary early exit option will be at the Hospital's discretion and will be no earlier than thirty (30) calendar days immediately following the employee's written acceptance of the offer.
- (v) An employee who elects a voluntary early exit option shall receive, following completion of the last day of work, a separation allowance of two (2) weeks' salary for each year of service, to a maximum of fifty-two (52) weeks' pay. (See chart at Article 11.14)

- 11.05 (a) In the event of layoff, the Hospital shall lay off employees in the reverse order of their seniority within their classification, providing that those employees who remain on the job have the qualifications and ability to perform the work.
- (b) Employees shall be entitled to three (3) months written notice of permanent or long term layoff. To assist the employee in this process, layoff notices will contain, where possible, specific information on bumping options. It is agreed and understood that Regulation 327, Section 7, of the *Employment Standards Act* applies. It is further agreed that notice to both the Union and the employees may run concurrently.

- (c) After receipt of such written notice, affected employees will have a period of up to fourteen (14) calendar days to indicate to the Hospital their choice of options as outlined below. Where requested, the employee will have the opportunity to meet with the Hospital, and be provided with union representation to discuss the options. The Hospital agrees to meet with the affected employee(s) within seven (7) calendar days after it has received written notification of the employee's choice of entitlement, in order to verify their choice or to discuss alternatives.
- (d) An employee who has the right to displace another employee shall have the right to the same training period as would typically be accorded to a new employee. Such training period may commence prior to the anticipated layoff.

11.06 An employee who is subject to permanent or long-term layoff shall have the following entitlements:

- (a) accept the layoff and be placed on a recall list for twenty-four (24) months from the date the actual layoff begins; or
- (b) accept the layoff, and thereafter, at the Hospital's option, receive pay in-lieu of notice and not be required to report for work during the notice period. It is agreed and understood that during the period of notice the employee's wages and benefits will be maintained as if they were at work, and that their layoff will be deemed to have commenced at the end of the notice period.
- (c) displace an employee who has lesser bargaining unit seniority and who is the least senior employee within their classification, identical paying classification, or lower paying classification in their discipline or department, if the employee originally subject to layoff can perform the duties of the least senior employee within their classification, identical paying classification, or lower paying classification in their discipline or department.
- (d) An employee who has the right to displace another employee shall have the right to the same training period as would typically be accorded to a new employee. Such training period may commence prior to the anticipated layoff.

NOTE: Article 11.06 (e) and (f) will only appear in those collective agreements where a combined full-time and part-time OPSEU paramedical bargaining unit exist.

- (e) If the full-time employee cannot displace a full-time employee in (c), the employee may displace a part-time employee who has lesser bargaining unit seniority and who is the least senior employee in their classification, identical paying classification, or lower paying classification in their discipline or department, if the employee originally subject to layoff can perform the duties of the least senior employee in their classification, identical paying classification, or lower paying classification in their discipline or department.
- (f) If the part-time employee cannot displace a part-time employee in (c), the employee may displace a full-time employee who has lesser bargaining unit seniority and who is the least senior employee in their classification, identical paying classification, or lower paying classification in their discipline or department, if the employee originally subject to layoff can perform the duties of the least senior employee in their classification, identical paying classification, or lower paying classification in their discipline or department.
- (g) If the employee cannot displace an employee in their discipline or department, the employee may displace an employee who has lesser bargaining unit seniority and who is the least senior employee in a lower or identical paying classification in another department, if the employee originally subject to layoff can perform the duties of the least senior employee in a lower or identical paying classification in another department.
- (h) An employee who has the right to displace another employee shall have the right to the same training period as would typically be accorded to a new employee. Such training period may commence prior to the anticipated layoff.

NOTE: Article 11.06 (i) will only appear in those collective agreements where a combined full-time and part-time OPSEU paramedical bargaining unit exist.

- (i) (i) If the full-time employee cannot displace a full-time employee in (e), the employee may displace a part-time employee who has lesser bargaining unit seniority and who is the least senior employee in another department, if the employee originally subject to layoff can perform the duties of the least senior employee in another department.

- (ii) If the part-time employee cannot displace a part-time employee in (f), the employee may displace a full-time employee who has lesser bargaining unit seniority and who is the least senior employee in another department, if the employee originally subject to layoff can perform the duties of the least senior employee in another department.
- (j) An employee who has the right to displace another employee shall have the right to the same training period as would typically be accorded to a new employee. Such training period may commence prior to the anticipated layoff.

11.07 Where an employee has received individual notice of long term layoff under Article 11.05 such employee may resign and receive a separation allowance as follows:

- (i) Where an employee resigns effective within thirty (30) days after receiving individual notice of long term layoff, they shall be entitled to a separation allowance of two (2) weeks' salary for each year of continuous service to a maximum of sixteen (16) weeks' pay, and, on production of receipts from an approved educational program, within twelve (12) months of resignation will be reimbursed for tuition fees up to a maximum of three thousand dollars (\$3000). (See chart at Article 11.14)
- (ii) Where an employee resigns effective later than thirty (30) days after receiving individual notice of long term layoff, they shall be entitled to a separation allowance of four (4) weeks' salary, and, on production of receipts from an approved educational program, within twelve (12) months of resignation will be reimbursed for tuition fees up to a maximum on one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$1250). (See chart at Article 11.14)

11.08 An employee who displaces an employee in a lower paying classification will be placed on the salary grid of the lower classification consistent with the level they would have achieved in the lower classification based on their service and experience with the Hospital.

11.09 Recall

An employee shall have opportunity of recall from a layoff to an available opening in their former classification, or an equal or lower paying classification than the one from which the employee was originally laid off, in order of seniority, provided they have the qualifications and ability to perform the work, before such opening is filled on a regular basis under a job posting procedure. The posting procedure in the Collective Agreement shall not apply until the recall process has been completed.

An employee who is recalled shall be credited with the seniority they had at the time of the layoff.

- 11.10 (a) An employee recalled to work in a different classification from which they were laid off, or an employee who has displaced an employee in a lower classification shall be entitled to return to the position they held prior to the layoff should it become vacant within twenty-four (24) months of the layoff, provided that the employee remains qualified and able to perform the duties of their former position.

No new employees shall be hired until all those laid off have been given an opportunity to return to work and have failed to do so, in accordance with the loss of seniority provision, or have been found unable to perform the work available.

NOTE: Article 11.10 (b) will only appear in those collective agreements where a combined full-time and part-time OPSEU paramedical bargaining unit exist.

- (b) (i) In addition to 11.10(a) a full-time employee who has displaced a part-time employee shall be entitled to return to the position they held prior to the layoff should it become vacant within twenty-four (24) months of the layoff, provided that the employee remains qualified and able to perform the duties of their former position.
- (ii) In addition to 11.10(a) a part-time employee who has displaced a full-time employee shall be entitled to return to the position they held prior to the layoff should it become vacant within twenty-four (24) months of the layoff, provided that the employee remains qualified and able to perform the duties of their former position.

- 11.11 The Hospital shall notify the employee of recall opportunity by registered mail, addressed to the last address on record with the Hospital (which notification shall be deemed to be received on the fifth day following the date of mailing). The notification shall state the job to which the employee is eligible to be recalled and the date and time at which the employee shall report for work. The employee is solely responsible for their proper address being on record with the Hospital.

- 11.12 Where there is an available opening which has not been filled in accordance with Article 11.09, an employee who has either accepted a layoff or is under notice of layoff and is unable to displace any other employee will be given an opportunity for on-the-job retraining of up to six (6) months, subject to the staffing requirements of the Hospital, if, with the benefit of such retraining, the employee could reasonably be expected to obtain the qualifications and ability to perform the work.

Such opportunities will be provided in order of seniority. During the period of on-the-job retraining the recall period will continue to apply from the original date of layoff. If, following the period of on-the-job retraining the employee has not obtained the qualifications and ability to perform the work, the employee will be returned to the recall list or will be terminated in accordance with Article 10.09(c).

NOTE: Article 11.13 will only appear in those collective agreements where both full-time and part-time employees are represented by OPSEU.

11.13 In the event that an employee who has been laid off and is placed on a recall list is assigned, by the Hospital, ad hoc shifts or to a temporary vacancy, they will retain, but not accumulate their seniority and service held at the time of layoff. Employees in such assignments will be treated as part-time. Where an employee is recalled pursuant to Article 11.09, they will receive credit for service and seniority for shifts worked under this provision. Any assignments under this provision will be offered on a voluntary basis.

11.14 The following will apply when calculating early retirement, voluntary exit and separation allowance for part-time employees:

Service =	One year of service for each 1650 hours worked
Weekly Salary =	The employee's regular hourly rate on their last day times their normal weekly hours
Normal Weekly Hours =	Average hours worked over the preceding 26 weeks

ARTICLE 12 – TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

NOTE: Article 12 applies to full-time and regular part-time employees only. It does not apply to casual part-time employees.

12.01 The Hospital undertakes to notify the Union in advance, so far as is practicable, of any technological changes which the Hospital has decided to introduce which will significantly change the status of employees within the bargaining unit.

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

Employees with one (1) or more years of continuous service who are subject to layoff under conditions referred to above, will be given notice of the impending change in employment status at the earliest reasonable time in keeping with the notification to the Union as set forth above and the requirements of the applicable legislation.

- 12.02 Where new or greater skills are required than are already possessed by affected employees under the present methods of operation, such employees shall be given a period of training, with due consideration being given to the employee's previous educational background, during which they may perfect or acquire the skills necessitated by the newer method of operation. The employer will assume the cost of tuition and travel. There shall be no reduction in wage or salary rates during the training period of any such employee. Training shall be given during the hours of work whenever possible and may extend for up to six (6) months.

ARTICLE 13 – JOB POSTING, PROMOTION AND TRANSFER

- 13.01 (a) Where a vacancy exists, or where the Hospital creates a new position in the bargaining unit, such vacancy shall be posted for a period of seven (7) calendar days. Applications for such vacancies shall be made in writing within the seven (7) day period referenced herein.
- (b) Notwithstanding the above, the Hospital may fill at its own discretion vacancies caused by:
- (i) illness;
 - (ii) accident;
 - (iii) pregnancy and parental leaves of absence;
 - (iv) leave of absence not expected to exceed twelve (12) months;
 - (v) vacation;
 - (vi) specific tasks not expected to exceed six (6) months;
 - (vii) where temporary vacancies occur as a result of special one-time funding, the parties may agree to extend the timeline.

In filling such temporary vacancies, the Hospital shall consider employees who have expressed an interest, in writing, in filling such vacancies, on the basis of the selection criteria as set out in Article 13.06.

- (c) Employees in bargaining units at the Hospital represented by OPSEU selected to fill such temporary vacancies agree not to apply for other temporary positions while filling the temporary vacancy, unless the start of the new assignment is after the expiration of the existing assignment. Where regular or casual part-time workers fill temporary full-time vacancies, such workers shall maintain their regular or casual part-time status, and shall be covered by the part-time terms of the collective agreement. Upon completion of the temporary vacancy, the bargaining unit employee will be returned to their former position. Such employees shall continue to accrue seniority while filling a temporary vacancy.
- (d) Employees newly hired to fill such temporary vacancy will not accrue seniority during the filling of such vacancy. For clarity, Article 10.01 (probationary period) does not apply to this group of employees during the period of the temporary assignment. If such employees successfully post into a permanent position within the bargaining unit, prior to the end of the non-posted vacancy, they will be credited with seniority from their last date of hire. The release or discharge of such employee at the completion of the temporary vacancy shall not be the subject of a grievance or arbitration.

13.02 Notices of vacancies referred to in Article 13.01 shall include, for informational purposes: department, classification, qualifications.

13.03 A copy of the posted notice will be sent to the local President or their designate, within the aforementioned seven (7) calendar days.

13.04 The name of the successful applicant will be posted and a copy sent to the local President or their designate.

13.05 The Hospital agrees to discuss with unsuccessful applicants ways in which they can improve for future postings, if requested.

13.06 In filling posted vacancies the selection shall be made based on skill, ability, experience, and relevant qualifications of the applicants. Where these factors are relatively equal, bargaining unit seniority shall be the governing factor.

13.07 In matters of promotion and staff transfer, a successful bargaining unit applicant shall be allowed a trial period of up to sixty (60) days (450 hours for employees whose regular hours of work are other than the standard work day) worked during which the Hospital will determine if the employee can satisfactorily perform the job. Within this period the employee may voluntarily return, or be returned by the Hospital, to the position formerly occupied, without loss of seniority. Should the employee return or be returned to their former job, the filling of subsequent vacancies will be reversed.

13.08 An employee who is promoted to a higher rated classification within the bargaining unit will be placed in the range of the higher rated classification so that they shall receive no less an increase in wage rate than the equivalent of one step in the wage rate of their previous classification (provided that they do not exceed the wage rate of the classification to which they have been promoted).

The employee's anniversary date shall be adjusted.

13.09 An employee selected as a result of a posted vacancy need not be considered for a further vacancy for a period of up to six (6) months from their date of selection.

13.10 Where there are no successful applicants from within the bargaining unit for posted vacant positions, employees in other OPSEU Paramedical bargaining units at the Hospital will be considered for such staff transfers or promotions prior to considering persons outside OPSEU Paramedical bargaining units at the Hospital. The employees eligible for consideration shall be limited to those employees who have applied for the position in accordance with Article 13.01(a), and selection shall be made in accordance with Article 13.06. All provisions of Article 13 will apply to employees selected in accordance with this provision.

13.11 (a) From time to time the job duties or scope of a bargaining unit position(s) may change in such a way as to represent a developmental opportunity, a specialization, or a broadening of duties for a limited number of employees within a department (or appropriate work unit), without increasing the complement of employees in the department.

(b) When an opportunity under Article 13.11(a) occurs, the Hospital shall post this opportunity in the form of an information notice in the relevant department(s) for a period of at least seven (7) calendar days. A copy of the posted notice will be sent to the Local President or designate within the aforementioned seven (7) calendar days. Employees wishing consideration for these opportunities must express their interest, in writing, within the seven (7) day period referenced herein.

- (c) The Hospital shall consider employees for these opportunities on the basis of skill, ability, relevant qualifications and seniority. Notwithstanding the above, in order to address operational requirements and efficiencies and to distribute the opportunities amongst eligible employees, the final decision for selection will be at the discretion of the Hospital.
- (d) If requested, the Hospital will discuss with unsuccessful applicants reasons why they were not chosen for the opportunity.

ARTICLE 14 – LEAVES OF ABSENCE

NOTE: The provisions of Article 14, Leaves of Absence, apply to full-time and regular part-time employees but do not apply to casual part-time employees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, casual part-time employees are entitled to leaves of absence as prescribed by the *Employment Standards Act*, 2000, S.O. 2000 c.41.

(The following clauses will appear in all collective agreements replacing any provision related to Pregnancy and Parental Leave that existed in the Hospital's collective agreement expiring 2019.)

14.01 Personal Leave

- (a) Written requests for a personal leave of absence without pay will be considered on an individual basis by the employee's Department Head or their designate. Such requests are to be submitted as far in advance as possible and a written reply will be given. Such leave shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (b) Employees are entitled to unpaid Personal Emergency Leave or Family Medical Leave in accordance with the provisions of the *Employment Standards Act* as amended from time to time. In doing so, the employee must provide their immediate supervisor with the reason and duration of the time being requested under such provision. For additional information, employees may contact the Human Resources Department and/or Union Representative.

14.02 Union Business Leave

(a) Local Union Business Leave

The Hospital agrees to grant leaves of absence without pay to local bargaining unit members for the purpose of attending Union seminars and/or attending to Union business. The cumulative total leave of absence will be determined locally, but shall not exceed sixty (60) days per year per hospital.

The amount of notice required and the number of employees who may be absent at any one time and from any one area shall be determined locally and will be set out in the Local Provisions Appendix.

(b) Union Position Leave – F.T.

When an employee is elected as the Union's President or First Vice-President (Provincially) the Union will immediately following such election advise the Employer of the name of the employee so elected. Leave of absence shall be granted from the employee's place of employment for the duration of the current term of office. The Union shall reimburse the Employer the amounts paid on behalf of the employee, including pay and benefits.

(c) Where an individual of the bargaining units represented centrally by OPSEU is elected or appointed as an Executive Board Member, Executive Officer, member of the Central Negotiating Committee, member of Hospital Professionals Division Executive or as a Membership Development Trainee, such individual shall be granted leave of absence for the time off required to exercise the duties of such appointment. The notice requirements to obtain such time off shall be governed in accordance with the leave of absence policy and procedure of the affected Hospital. Such positions shall be limited to two (2) members from a Hospital with no more than one individual from within a section/division within a Department.

- (d) For leaves of absence without pay for Union business under the terms of this Agreement, including unpaid leave for members of the Central Negotiating Team, the employee's salary and applicable benefits will be maintained by the Hospital and the Union will reimburse the Hospital for the cost of salary and benefits. The Hospital will bill the Union within a reasonable period of time and the Union will reimburse the Hospital within a reasonable period of time. A copy of the bill will be forwarded to the Local at the same time it is sent to the Union. In addition, there shall be no loss of seniority during such leaves of absence.
- (e) The issue of paid time for Local President or designate to perform Union business shall be determined locally and shall be set out in the Local Provisions Appendix.

14.03 Bereavement Leave

- (a) Any employee who notifies the Hospital as soon as possible following a bereavement will be granted bereavement leave for up to four (4) consecutive scheduled working days off without loss of regular pay from regularly scheduled hours within the nine (9) calendar day period commencing four (4) calendar days prior to the day of the funeral for a parent, spouse, child or spouse's child. "Spouse" for the purposes of bereavement leave will include a partner of the same sex.
- (b)
 - (i) Any employee who notifies the Hospital as soon as possible following a bereavement will be granted bereavement leave for up to three (3) consecutive scheduled working days off without loss of regular pay from regularly scheduled hours within the seven (7) calendar day period commencing three (3) calendar days prior to the day of the funeral of a member of their other immediate family.
 - (ii) Immediate family, for the purposes of 14.03 (b)(i), shall mean sister, brother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, brother-in-law, sister-in-law and grandparent of spouse.
- (c) An employee shall be granted one (1) day bereavement leave without loss of regular earnings to attend the funeral of, or a memorial service (or equivalent) for their aunt, uncle, niece or nephew.

- (d) If a burial or memorial service is not held within the seven (7) or nine (9) calendar day period referenced above, an employee can utilize one (1) day of their entitlement, as determined above, within six (6) months following the date of bereavement for the purposes of attending such burial or memorial service.
- (e) A part-time employee shall receive credit for seniority and service for such leave. For clarity, such credit shall only apply to bereavement leave with pay.
- (f) The Hospital, in its discretion, may extend such leave with or without pay. Furthermore, where an employee does not qualify under the above-noted conditions, the Hospital may, nonetheless, grant a paid bereavement leave.
- (g) Where an employee's scheduled vacation is interrupted due to bereavement, the employee will be entitled to bereavement leave in accordance with this Article. The portion of the employee's vacation which is deemed to be bereavement leave under the above provisions will not be charged to the employee's vacation credits provided the employee submits supporting evidence.

14.04 Jury and Witness Duty

- (a) If an employee is requested to serve as a juror in any court of law or is required by subpoena to attend as a witness in a court proceeding in which the Crown is a party, or is required to attend a coroner's inquest in connection with a case concerning the Hospital, the employee shall not lose regular pay because of necessary absence from work due to such attendance, and shall not be required to work on the day of such duty, provided that the employee:
 - (i) informs the Employer immediately upon being notified that the employee will be required to attend court or the coroner's inquest;
 - (ii) presents proof of service requiring the employee's attendance; and
 - (iii) promptly repays the Employer the amount (other than expenses) paid to the employee for such service as a juror or for attendance as such witness.

(b) (Applicable to full-time employees only)

In addition to the foregoing, where an employee is required by subpoena to attend a Court of Law or Coroner's Inquest, in connection with a case arising from the employee's duties at the Hospital, on their regularly scheduled day off or during their regularly scheduled vacation, the Hospital will attempt to reschedule the employee's regular day off or vacation period, it being understood that any rescheduling shall not result in the payment of any premium pay. If the Hospital fails to reschedule such employee, the Hospital shall arrange lieu time off work for all days the employee would otherwise be off work had it not been for the attendance at Court or the Coroner's Inquest.

(c) (Applicable to part-time employees only)

In addition to the foregoing, where a part-time employee is required by subpoena to attend a Court of Law or Coroner's Inquest, in connection with a case arising from the employee's duties at the Hospital, on their regularly scheduled day off, they shall receive regular pay as if they had been scheduled to work the day.

14.05 (a) Pregnancy Leave

- (i) Pregnancy leave will be granted in accordance with the provisions of the *Employment Standards Act*, except where amended in this Agreement.

(Article 14.05 (a) (ii) is applicable to full-time employees and regular part-time employees only)

- (ii) Effective on confirmation by the Employment Insurance Commission of the appropriateness of the Hospital's Supplemental Unemployment Benefit (SUB) plan, and retroactive to the date of confirmation by the Employment Insurance Commission, an employee who is on pregnancy leave as provided under this agreement and who is in receipt of Employment Insurance pregnancy benefits pursuant to Section 22 of the *Employment Insurance Act*, 1996, shall be paid a supplemental unemployment benefit. That benefit will be equivalent to the difference between eighty-four percent (84%) of their regular weekly earnings and the sum of their weekly Employment Insurance pregnancy benefits during their leave and any other earnings. Such payment shall commence following completion of the Employment Insurance waiting period, and receipt by the Hospital of the employee's Employment Insurance cheque stub as proof that they are in receipt of Employment Insurance pregnancy benefits, and shall continue while the employee is in receipt of such benefits, for a maximum period of fifteen (15) weeks for a pregnancy leave. The employee's regular weekly earnings shall be determined by multiplying their regular hourly rate on their last day worked prior to the commencement of the leave times their normal weekly hours.

In addition to the foregoing, the Hospital will pay the employee eighty-four percent (84%) of their regular weekly earnings during the first week of the leave while waiting to receive Employment Insurance benefits.

This provision only applies to employees with at least thirteen (13) weeks of continuous service at the Hospital prior to the commencement of the pregnancy leave.

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

(iii) Transfer of Pregnant Employees

Pregnant employees may request to be transferred from their current duties if, in the professional opinion of the employee's physician the pregnancy may be at risk. If such a transfer is not feasible, the pregnant employee, if they so request, will be granted an unpaid leave of absence before commencement of the current contractual maternity leave provisions.

- (iv) The employer shall continue to pay the percentage in lieu of benefits for part-time employees based on the employee's normal weekly hours for the full duration (to a maximum of seventeen (17) weeks) of the Pregnancy Leave.

(b) Parental Leave

- (i) Parental leaves will be granted in accordance with the provisions of the *Employment Standards Act*, except where amended in this Agreement.

(Article 14.05 (b) (ii) is applicable to full-time employees and regular part-time employees only)

- (ii) Effective on confirmation by the Employment Insurance Commission of the appropriateness of the Hospital's Supplemental Unemployment Benefit (SUB) plan, and retroactive to date of confirmation by the Employment Insurance Commission, an employee who is on parental leave as provided under this Agreement and who is in receipt of Employment Insurance parental benefits pursuant to Section 23 of the *Employment Insurance Act*, 1996, shall be paid a supplemental unemployment benefit. That benefit will be equivalent to the difference between eighty-four percent (84%) of their regular weekly earnings and the sum of their weekly Employment Insurance parental benefits during their leave and any other earnings. Such payment shall commence following completion of the Employment Insurance waiting period, and receipt by the Hospital of the employee's Employment Insurance cheque stub as proof that they are in receipt of Employment Insurance parental benefits, and shall continue while the employee is in receipt of such benefits, for a maximum period of ten (10) weeks for a parental leave. The employee's regular weekly earnings shall be determined by multiplying their regular hourly rate on their last day worked prior to the commencement of the parental leave times their normal weekly hours.

Where an employee elects to receive parental leave benefits pursuant to Section 12(3)(b)(ii) of the *Employment Insurance Act*, the total amount of any Supplemental Unemployment Benefit payable by the Hospital will be equal to what would have been payable had the employee elected to receive parental leave benefits pursuant to Section 12(3)(b)(i) of the *Employment Insurance Act*.

In addition to the foregoing, the Hospital will pay the employee eighty-four percent (84%) of their regular weekly earnings during the first week of the leave while waiting to receive Employment Insurance benefits.

This provision only applies to employees with at least thirteen (13) weeks of continuous service at the Hospital prior to the commencement of the parental leave.

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

(iii) (Applicable to full-time employees only)

Adoption

Where an employee has become a natural father or has qualified to adopt a child, such employee may be entitled to extend the parental leave up to an aggregate of six (6) months without pay. Such employee shall advise the Hospital as far in advance as possible of their qualifying to adopt, and shall request the leave of absence in writing upon receipt of confirmation of the pending adoption. Such request for an extension of the parental leave shall not be unreasonably withheld.

It is understood that during any such extension of the parental leave, credit for service or seniority for the purposes of salary increments, vacations, sick leave, or any other benefits under any provisions of the Collective Agreement or elsewhere shall be suspended during such leave and the employee's anniversary date adjusted accordingly. In addition, the employee will become responsible for full payment of subsidized employee benefits in which they are participating for the period of the absence.

- (iv) (Applicable to part-time employees only)

Where an employee has become a natural father or has qualified to adopt a child, such employee may be entitled to extend the parental leave up to an aggregate of six (6) months without pay. Such employee shall advise the Hospital as far in advance as possible of their qualifying to adopt, and shall request the leave of absence in writing upon receipt of confirmation of the pending adoption. Such request for an extension of the parental leave shall not be unreasonably withheld.

It is understood that during any such extension of the parental leave seniority and service do not accumulate.

- (v) The employer shall continue to pay the percentage in lieu of benefits for part-time employees based on the employee's normal weekly hours for a period of up to ten (10) weeks while the employee is on parental leave.

14.06 Education Leave

Where the Hospital directs and the employee agrees to take an educational course to upgrade or acquire new employment qualifications such employee shall not lose regular pay because of necessary absence from work due to participation in such course. The Hospital shall pay the full cost of such course in advance. The Employee may apply to the Hospital for a reasonable advance to cover additional costs associated with the course.

14.07 Professional College Leave

An employee shall be entitled to leave of absence without loss of earnings from their regularly scheduled working hours for the purpose of writing re-certification examinations set by the College according to its Quality Assurance Program. The employee shall notify the Hospital as soon as practicable the date the re-certification examination is scheduled.

14.08 Military Leave

- (a) An employee may be granted unpaid leave without loss of service or seniority for the purpose of fulfilling their minimum training requirements to maintain their status in the Canadian Reserve Force. Such leave shall not exceed two (2) weeks per calendar year. Requests must be made in writing and will be considered on an individual basis by the employee's Department Head or designate. Such requests are to be submitted as far in advance as possible.

- (b) Any requests for military leaves exceeding two (2) weeks may be considered on an individual basis and if approved, service and seniority will continue to accrue for the duration of the leave.

ARTICLE 15 – SICK LEAVE AND LONG-TERM DISABILITY

NOTE: Articles 15.01 – 15.09 apply to full-time employees only.

- 15.01 The Hospital shall provide a short-term sick leave plan at least equivalent to that described in the 1992 Hospitals of Ontario Disability Income Plan (HOODIP) brochure.

Copies of the HOODIP brochure will be made available to employees upon request.

- 15.02 The Hospital will pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the billed premium towards coverage of eligible employees under the long-term disability plan (HOODIP or equivalent); employees shall pay the balance of the billed premiums through payroll deduction.

- 15.03 No sick pay benefit is payable under HOODIP for the first fifteen (15) hours of absence for the sixth (6th) and subsequent period(s) of absence in the same fiscal year (April 1st through March 31st).

- 15.04 (a) Any dispute which may arise concerning an employee's entitlement to short-term or long-term benefits under HOODIP may be subject to grievance and arbitration under the provisions of this Agreement.
 - (b) If a claim for long-term disability is denied, the employee must fully comply with the carrier's Medical Appeal Process prior to filing a grievance, provided that the Process is completed within ninety (90) days of its inception, unless that time is extended by mutual agreement of the Hospital and OPSEU.

- 15.05 An employee who is absent from work as a result of an illness or injury sustained at work and who has been awaiting approval of a claim for Workers' Compensation for a period longer than one complete shift may apply to the Hospital for payment equivalent to the lesser of the benefit the employee would receive from Workers' Compensation if the employee's claim was approved, or the benefit to which the employee would be entitled under the short-term sick portion of the disability income plan (HOODIP or equivalent plan). Payment will be provided only if the employee provides evidence of disability satisfactory to the Hospital and a written undertaking satisfactory to the Hospital that any payments will be refunded to the Hospital following final determination of the claim by the Workers' Compensation Board. If the claim for Workers' Compensation is not approved, the monies paid as an advance will be applied towards the benefits to which the employee would be entitled under the short-term portion of the disability income plan. Any payment under this provision will continue for a maximum of fifteen (15) weeks.
- 15.06 Sick leave banks standing to the credit of an employee shall be utilized to supplement payment for sick leave days which would otherwise be paid at less than full wages, or for sick leave days at no wages.
- 15.07 Pay out of sick leave credits shall be made on termination of employment or, in the case of death, to the employee's estate. The amount of the payment shall be a cash settlement at the employee's then current salary rate for any unused sick credits to the maximum provided under the previous accumulating sick leave credit plan. The parties may agree to voluntarily cash out existing sick banks.

Clarity note: The agreement of the local parties is not subject to local interest arbitration.

- 15.08 Where an employee, employed as of the effective date of the transfer to HOODIP or equivalent, did not have the required service to qualify for pay out on termination, they shall be entitled to the same pay out provisions as set out in Article 15.07 above, providing they subsequently achieve the necessary service to qualify for pay out under those provisions.

15.09 Where an employee, with accumulated sick leave credits remaining, is prevented from working for the Hospital because of an occupational illness or accident that is recognized by the Workers' Compensation Board as compensable within the meaning of the *Workers' Compensation Act* the Hospital, on application from the employee, will supplement the award made by the Workers' Compensation Board for loss of wages to the employee by such amount that the award of the Workers' Compensation Board for loss of wages, together with the supplementation of the Hospital, will equal one hundred percent (100%) of the employee's net earnings to the limit of the employee's accumulated sick leave credits. Employees may utilize such sick leave credits while awaiting approval of a claim for Workers' Compensation.

15.10 The Hospital shall pay for such medical certificate(s) as it may require from time-to-time to certify an employee's illness or ability to return to work.

ARTICLE 16 – HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

16.01 Work Week and Work Day

(a) (Applicable to full-time employees only)

The normal or standard work week shall be an average of thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½) hours, with a normal or standard work day of seven and one-half (7 ½) hours except in those Hospitals where agreements already provide a standard or normal work week of less than thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½) hours per week and seven and one-half (7 ½) hours per day. (Those Hospitals with the lesser required hours shall reflect in the salary rates a pro-rata lesser amount compared with salaries for other Hospitals based on the ratio that the standard or normal hours of work at the Hospital concerned are to thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½) hours and shall appropriately reflect such hours in this Article).

The length of time over which the hours of work per week are to be averaged shall be determined locally and shall be set out in the Local Provisions Appendix.

- (b) (Applicable to part-time employees only)

The normal or standard work day shall be seven and one-half (7 ½) hours per day and the normal or standard full-time work week shall be an average of thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½) hours per week except in those Hospitals where agreements already provide a normal or standard work day of less than seven and one-half (7 ½) hours and a normal or standard full-time work week of less than thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½) hours. (Those Hospitals with the lesser required hours shall reflect in the salary rates a pro-rata lesser amount compared with salaries for other Hospitals based on the ratio that the standard or normal hours of work at the Hospital concerned are to thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½) hours and shall appropriately reflect such hours in this Article).

The length of time over which the hours of work per week are to be averaged shall be determined locally and shall be set out in the Local Provisions Appendix.

- (c) Where the Hospital and the Union agree, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Labour, other arrangements regarding hours of work may be entered into between the parties on a local level with respect to tours beyond the normal or standard work day in accordance with the provisions set out in Article 29.01 of the Collective Agreement.

16.02 Rest Periods

- (a) (Applicable to full-time employees only)

Employees shall be entitled, subject to the exigencies of patient care, to relief periods during the shift on the basis of fifteen (15) minutes for each half shift.

- (b) (Applicable to part-time employees only)

Employees shall be entitled, subject to the exigencies of patient care, to relief periods during the shift on the basis of fifteen (15) minutes for each full half shift.

16.03 Overtime Definition

Overtime shall be defined as being all hours worked in excess of the normal or standard work day, or in excess of the normal or standard work week. The overtime rate shall be one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular straight time hourly rate of pay.

16.04 Overtime/Call Back Accumulation

(Applicable to full-time employees only)

Where an employee has worked and accumulated approved overtime hours (other than overtime hours related to paid holidays) or has accumulated hours for Call Back up to a maximum, then such employee shall have the option of electing payment at the applicable overtime rate or time off equivalent to the applicable overtime rate (i.e. where applicable rate is one and one-half (1 ½) times, then time off shall be at one and one-half (1 ½) times or where the applicable rate is two (2) times, then time off shall be at two (2) times). Where an employee chooses the latter option, such time off must be taken within the period set out in the Local Provisions Appendix, or payment in accordance with the former option shall be made. Further, such time off must be taken at a time mutually agreeable to the Hospital and the employee.

The maximum for purposes of overtime/call back accumulation and the scheduling of time off shall be determined locally and shall be set out in the Local Provisions Appendix.

16.05 Missed Meal Breaks

(a) (Applicable to full-time employees only)

If an employee is authorized to work during the lunch break due to the requirements of patient care, they will be paid time and one-half (1 ½) their regular straight time hourly rate for all time worked in excess of their normal daily hours.

(b) (Applicable to part-time employees only)

If an employee is authorized to work during the lunch break due to the requirements of patient care, they will be paid their regular straight time hourly rate for all hours worked. Notwithstanding this provision, they will be paid time and one-half (1 ½) their regular straight time hourly rate for all time worked in excess of the normal or standard work day.

ARTICLE 17 – PREMIUM PAYMENTS AND TRANSPORTATION / MEAL ALLOWANCE

17.01 Standby

An employee required to standby or remain available for call-back duty or telephone consultation on other than regular scheduled hours shall be paid at the rate of three dollars and thirty cents (\$3.30) per hour of standby time. Where such standby falls on any of the designated holidays listed in the Collective Agreement, the employee shall be paid at the rate of four dollars and ninety cents (\$4.90) per hour of standby time. Hours worked for call-back or telephone consultation shall be deducted from hours for which the employee receives standby pay. However, an employee shall be entitled to a minimum of five dollars (\$5.00) for each eight-hour period on standby even if called back to work.

For purposes of Article 17.05(b), a weekend on which an employee is required to standby or remain available for call-back duty or telephone consultation is not a weekend “off”, a weekend on which an employee is scheduled to standby or remain available for call-back duty or telephone consultation is not a weekend “scheduled off”, and a weekend on which an employee is required or scheduled to standby or remain available for call-back duty or telephone consultation but is neither called back nor consulted by telephone is not a weekend “worked”.

17.02 Telephone Consultation

Employees who are required to provide professional services over the telephone while on standby (without returning to the hospital) shall be entitled to a minimum of

 fifteen (15) minutes’ pay for a call received between 0700 hours and 2300 hours, and
 thirty (30) minutes’ pay for a call received between 2300 hours and 0700 hours,

at time and one-half (1 ½) their regular straight time hourly rate, or equivalent time in lieu, per call, regardless of the duration of the call. Any additional time spent on the call over and above the initial minimum time shall be compensated at the same rate but in minimum fifteen (15) minute increments. The employee will complete a record of calls on a form following the period of the call. A call received during a period for which one of the aforesaid minimums is payable as a result of an earlier call will be treated for these purposes as a continuation of that earlier call.

For clarity, the initial request for professional services shall be initiated by voice call or text message. The professional services provided following the initial request includes services provided by telephone or other electronic devices including but not limited to text messaging, voice calls, video calls and electronic mail while on standby.

17.03 Call Back

(Applicable to full-time and regular part-time employees only)

- (a) An employee who is called to work after leaving the Hospital premises and outside of their regular scheduled hours, shall be paid a minimum of no less than four (4) hours' pay at two (2) times their regular straight time hourly rate for work performed on each call-back.
- (b) In the event that the four (4) hour periods for successive call-backs overlap, the employee will not be entitled to more than two (2) times their regular straight time hourly rate in respect to the period(s) of overlap.
- (c) In the event that such four (4) hour period overlaps and extends into their regular shift they will receive the four (4) hour guarantee payment at two (2) times their regular hourly rate for the remaining hours of their regular shift. The reference to leaving the Hospital premises referred to above will not be applicable where an employee remains in the Hospital on standby arrangement with the Hospital.
- (d) (Applicable to part-time employees only)

For purposes of clarification, Article 17.03 does not apply to prescheduled hours of work. Article 17.03 does not apply where the employee elects to work additional unscheduled hours made available by the Hospital.

17.04 Shift Premium

Effective April 1, 2022 an employee shall be paid a shift premium of two dollars and six cents (\$2.06) per hour for each hour worked which falls within the normal hours of the evening shift and two dollars and forty-nine cents (\$2.49) for each hour worked which falls within the normal hours of the night shift provided that such hours exceed two (2) hours if worked in conjunction with the day shift. For purposes of this provision, the normal or standard evening and night shift each consist of seven and one-half (7 ½) hours. For those hospitals with lesser required hours as provided for in Article 16.01, the length of the evening and night shift will be adjusted accordingly. Shift premium will not form part of the employee's straight time hourly rate.

Effective April 1, 2023 an employee shall be paid a shift premium of two dollars and eleven cents (\$2.11) per hour for each hour worked which falls within the normal hours of the evening shift and two dollars and fifty-three cents (\$2.53) for each hour worked which falls within the normal hours of the night shift provided that such hours exceed two (2) hours if worked in conjunction with the day shift. For purposes of this provision, the normal or standard evening and night shift each consist of seven and one-half (7 ½) hours. For those hospitals with lesser required hours as provided for in Article 16.01, the length of the evening and night shift will be adjusted accordingly. Shift premium will not form part of the employee's straight time hourly rate.

Effective August 3, 2023 an employee shall be paid a shift premium of two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per hour for each hour worked which falls within the normal hours of the evening shift and two dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$2.88) for each hour worked which falls within the normal hours of the night shift provided that such hours exceed two (2) hours if worked in conjunction with the day shift. For purposes of this provision, the normal or standard evening and night shift each consist of seven and one-half (7 ½) hours. For those hospitals with lesser required hours as provided for in Article 16.01, the length of the evening and night shift will be adjusted accordingly. Shift premium will not form part of the employee's straight time hourly rate.

17.05 Weekend Premium

- (a) Effective April 1, 2022 an employee shall be paid a weekend premium of two dollars and sixty-five cents (\$2.65) per hour for each hour worked between 2400 hours Friday to 2400 hours Sunday or such other 48-hour period that the Hospital may establish. If an employee is in receipt of premium payment pursuant to a local scheduling regulation with respect to consecutive weekends worked, they will not receive weekend premium under this provision.

Effective April 1, 2023 an employee shall be paid a weekend premium of two dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$2.68) per hour for each hour worked between 2400 hours Friday to 2400 hours Sunday or such other 48-hour period that the Hospital may establish. If an employee is in receipt of premium payment pursuant to a local scheduling regulation with respect to consecutive weekends worked, they will not receive weekend premium under this provision.

Effective August 3, 2023 an employee shall be paid a weekend premium of three dollars and four cents (\$3.04) per hour for each hour worked between 2400 hours Friday to 2400 hours Sunday or such other 48-hour period that the Hospital may establish. If an employee is in receipt of premium payment pursuant to a local scheduling regulation with respect to consecutive weekends worked, they will not receive weekend premium under this provision.

- (b) (Applicable to full-time employees and regular part-time employees.)

The Hospital will endeavour to provide at least _____ weekend(s) off in _____. If an employee is required to work a _____ consecutive weekend, the employee will be paid at the overtime rate for all hours worked on a _____ consecutive weekend and any subsequent weekend until a weekend is scheduled off, save and except where:

- (i) such weekend has been worked by an employee to satisfy specific days off requested by such employee, or
- (ii) such employee has requested weekend work, or
- (iii) such weekend is worked as a result of an exchange of shifts with another employee, or
- (iv) any other reason as negotiated by the local parties and set out in the Local Provisions Appendix.

17.06 Meal Allowance

An employee who continues to work more than two (2) hours of overtime immediately following their scheduled hours of work, shall be provided with a meal voucher valued at a maximum of four dollars (\$4.00) or four dollars (\$4.00) if the Hospital is unable to provide a meal voucher.

17.07 Transportation Allowance

When an employee is required to travel to the Hospital, or to return to their home, as a result of being called back to work outside their regularly scheduled hours, the Hospital will pay transportation costs either by taxi or by their own vehicle at the rate of (amounts to be determined locally and will be set out in the Local Provisions Appendix) or such greater amount that the Hospital may in its discretion determine for each trip. The employee will provide to the Hospital satisfactory proof of payment of such taxi fare.

17.08 Responsibility Pay

Where an employee is assigned temporarily to perform the duties and assume the responsibilities of a higher paying classification in or out of the bargaining unit, for one full shift or more, they shall be paid a premium of one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) per hour for the duration of the assignment.

17.09 Time Off Between Shifts

- (a) Failure to provide the minimum number of hours between the commencement of an employee's scheduled shift and the commencement of such employee's next scheduled shift shall result in payment of one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) times the employee's regular straight time hourly rate for only those hours which reduce the minimum hour period.
- (b) Where the minimum period is reduced as a result of an approved change of shift(s) requested by the employee(s), such premium payment shall not apply.
- (c) The minimum number of hours for purposes of this Article shall be determined locally and will be set out in the Local Provisions Appendix.

17.10 Change of Schedule

- (a) (Applicable to full-time employees only)

Where an employee's schedule is changed by the Hospital with less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice, they shall receive time and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) of their regular straight time hourly rate for all hours worked on their next shift.

- (b) (Applicable to regular part-time employees only)

Where a regular part-time employee's scheduled shift is cancelled by the Hospital with less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice, they shall receive time and one-half (1 ½) of their regular straight time hourly rate for all hours worked on their next shift.

17.11 No Pyramiding

Premium payment (including both overtime and holiday premium payment) shall be calculated and paid under one provision of this Agreement only, even though hours worked may be premium payment hours under more than one provision. In such circumstances the highest premium will be applied. The provision of this clause will not negate any entitlement to shift premium, call-back, standby, or weekend premium.

ARTICLE 18 – PAID HOLIDAYS

(The following central provision will be appropriately reflected in the collective agreements as Article 18.01. The holidays designated will also be set out in this Article.)

- 18.01 (a) (Applicable to full-time employees only)

The collective agreement shall provide twelve (12) paid holidays with appropriate payment to all employees, provided that the employee fulfils the qualifying conditions, if any, set out in the respective collective agreements. It is understood that the list of paid holidays may include a combination of designated and non-designated days such as float days, anniversary days, and birthdays.

- (b) (Applicable to part-time employees only)

The collective agreements shall list twelve (12) holidays for purposes of payment for work performed on such holidays.

18.02 (a) (Applicable to full-time employees only)

An employee required to work on any of the designated holidays listed in the collective agreement shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) their regular straight time rate of pay for all hours worked on such holiday, subject to Article 18.03. In addition, they will receive a lieu day off with pay in the amount of their regular straight time hourly rate of pay times seven and one-half ($7\frac{1}{2}$) hours, except in those hospitals which have a standard work day of less than seven and one-half ($7\frac{1}{2}$) hours in which case holiday pay will be based on the standard daily hours in that hospital. The scheduling of lieu days shall be determined locally and shall be set out in the Appendix of Local Provisions.

(b) (Applicable to part-time employees only)

An employee required to work on any of the designated holidays listed in the collective agreement shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) their regular straight time rate of pay for all hours worked on such holiday, subject to Article 18.03.

18.03 Where the employee is required to work on a paid holiday for which they are paid at the rate of time and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) their regular straight time hourly rate and is required to work additional hours following the full shift on that day (but not including hours on a subsequent regularly scheduled tour for such employee) they shall receive two (2) times their regular straight time hourly rate for such additional hours worked.

18.04 (Applicable to full-time employees only)

An employee who qualifies to receive pay for any holiday will not be entitled, in the event of illness, to receive sick pay in addition to holiday pay in respect of the same day.

ARTICLE 19 – VACATION

19.01 (Applicable to full-time employees only)

- (a) All employees who have completed less than one (1) year of continuous service shall be entitled to a vacation on the basis of one and one-quarter (1.25) days per month for each completed month of service with pay in the amount of six percent (6%) of gross earnings.

- (b) All employees shall receive three (3) weeks' vacation after one (1) year of continuous service.
- (c) All employees shall receive four (4) weeks' vacation after three (3) years of continuous service.
- (d) All employees shall receive five (5) weeks' vacation after twelve (12) years of continuous service.
- (e) All employees shall receive six (6) weeks' vacation after twenty (20) years of continuous service.
- (f) All employees shall receive seven (7) weeks' vacation after twenty-seven (27) years of continuous service.
- (g) An employee who is on an unpaid leave of absence in excess of thirty (30) continuous calendar days will receive vacation pay based on a percentage of their gross salary for work performed during the vacation year as follows:

- 3 week entitlement – 6%
- 4 week entitlement – 8%
- 5 week entitlement – 10%
- 6 week entitlement – 12%
- 7 week entitlement – 14%

NOTE: Any vacation schedule improvements shall be determined in accordance with whatever system is in place in the individual hospital for determining vacation entitlement. In other words, those hospitals that determine vacation entitlement by a uniform date for all employees shall continue to do so, and those that determine vacation entitlement by an anniversary date, or by some other means, shall continue to do so.

19.02 (Applicable to regular part-time employees only)

- (a) All regular part-time employees shall be entitled to vacation pay based upon the applicable percentage provided below in accordance with the vacation entitlement of full-time employees of their gross salary for work performed in the preceding year. Scheduling of vacations shall be in accordance with local scheduling provisions.

Full-Time		Part-Time	
Increment	Vacation Entitlement	Increment	Vacation Pay
Less than 1 year continuous service	1.25 days per month	Less than 1,650 hours of continuous service	6%
After 1 year of continuous service	3 weeks (1.25 days per month)	After 1,650 hours of continuous service	6%
After 3 years of continuous service	4 weeks (1.67 days per month)	After 4,950 hours of continuous service	8%
After 12 years of continuous service	5 weeks (2.08 days per month)	After 19,800 hours of continuous service	10%
After 20 years of continuous service	6 weeks (2.5 days per month)	After 33,000 hours of continuous service	12%
After 27 years of continuous service	7 weeks (2.92 days per month)	After 44,550 hours of continuous service	14%

- (b) Equivalent years of service shall be used to determine vacation pay entitlement. Equivalent years of service shall be calculated on the basis of one (1) year of service for each 1650 hours worked.
- (c) Notwithstanding Article 19.02(b), the calculation of service for purposes of vacation entitlement will include service accrued during a pregnancy leave or parental leave on the basis of seniority accrual during such leaves in accordance with Article 10.03(a)(ii) of the agreement.
- (d) Part-time employees have the option of requesting all or part of their equivalent unpaid vacation entitlement as time off in calendar weeks, unless the local parties agree to an arrangement that permits the use of individual days.* There will be no carry-over of unpaid vacation time.

* Should existing local scheduling provisions provide unpaid time off for part-time employees, this language shall be maintained but not altered, unless the local parties agree to delete the language and move to the Central Language.

NOTE: Article 19.03 is applicable to full-time employees only.

- 19.03 (a) Where an employee's scheduled vacation is interrupted due to serious illness or injury which commenced prior to and continues into the scheduled vacation period, the period of such illness or injury shall be considered sick leave.
- (b) Where an employee's scheduled vacation is interrupted due to a serious illness or injury requiring the employee to be an in-patient in a hospital, the period of such hospitalization shall be considered sick leave.
- (c) The portion of the employee's vacation which is deemed to be sick leave under the above provisions will not be counted against the employee's vacation credits.

19.04 Should an employee terminate with less than two (2) weeks' notice of termination, the vacation pay requirements of the *Employment Standards Act* will apply.

ARTICLE 20 – HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

NOTE: The provisions of Articles 20.01 and 20.02 with respect to Health and Welfare Benefits apply to full-time employees only.

- 20.01 (a) The Hospital agrees to contribute towards the premium coverage of participating eligible employees in the active employ of the Hospital under the insurance plans as set out in Article 20.01 subject to their respective terms and conditions including any enrolment requirements. For newly hired employees, coverage as set out in Article 20.01 shall be effective the first billing date in the month following the month in which the employee was first employed subject to any enrolment or other requirements of the Plan. In no instance shall the first billing date for an employee occur later than the first day of the fourth full month following the month in which the newly-hired employee was first employed.

(b) Semi-Private Hospital Insurance

The Hospital agrees to pay one hundred percent (100%) of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the Hospital under the Liberty Health Plan or comparable coverage with another carrier.

(c) Extended Health Care

The Hospital shall contribute on behalf of each eligible employee seventy-five percent (75%) of the billed premium under the Extended Health Care Plan (Liberty Health) provided the balance of the monthly premium is paid by employees through payroll deduction. Any hospital currently paying more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the premium shall continue to do so. The Extended Health Care Plan will include:

- (i) \$22.50 (single) and \$35.00 (family) deductible;
- (ii) hearing aids with a maximum of the cost of acquisition once in every thirty-six (36) months per person;
- (iii) vision care with a maximum of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) every twenty-four (24) months per person with the option to use coverage toward the cost of laser surgery; effective April 1, 2024 to four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450) every twenty-four (24) months per person with the option to use coverage toward the cost of laser surgery;
- (iv) one (1) optometry exam every twenty-four (24) months (up to a one hundred-dollar (\$100) maximum);
- (v) chiropractic, massage therapy and physiotherapy to a maximum of three hundred dollars (\$300) per insured person annually for each service;
- (vi) a prescription drug dispensing fee cap of nine dollars (\$9) per prescription;
- (vii) mandatory generic drug substitution;
- (viii) drug formulary as defined by Liberty Health Formulary Three.

- (ix) effective April 1, 2024, a Health Care Spending Account for full-time active employees of \$500

(d) Dental

The Hospital agrees to contribute seventy-five percent (75%) of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the Hospital under the Liberty Health Dental Plan #9 (or its equivalent) based on the current ODA fee schedule provided the balance of the monthly premiums are paid by the participating employees through payroll deduction. Employees will be enrolled in the existing Plan in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan. The Dental Plan will provide:

- (i) recall oral examination once every nine (9) months;
- (ii) orthodontic coverage for participating employees on a 50/50 co-insurance basis, with a lifetime maximum of \$1,500 per insured person;
- (iii) complete and partial dentures at 50/50 co-insurance to \$1,000 maximum per person annually;
- (iv) crowns, bridge work and repairs at 50/50 co-insurance to \$1,500 maximum per person annually.

(e) Group Life Insurance

The Hospital shall contribute one hundred percent (100%) toward the monthly premium of HOOGLIP or other equivalent group life insurance plan in effect for eligible full-time employees in the active employ of the Hospital on the eligibility conditions set out in the existing Agreements.

(f) Same Sex Partner Coverage

Coverage will be available to an employee and their same sex partner, and their dependents in accordance with the terms and conditions of the plans.

20.02 Change of Carrier

It is understood that the Employer may at any time substitute another carrier for any Plan (other than OHIP) provided the benefits are equivalent and are neither reduced or increased. The Employer shall provide to the Union full specifications of the benefit programs contracted for before implementation of any change.

20.03 Pension

All present employees enrolled in the Hospital's Pension Plan shall maintain their enrolment in the Plan subject to its terms and conditions. New employees and employees employed but not yet eligible for membership in the Plan shall, as a condition of employment, enroll in the Plan when eligible in accordance with its terms and conditions.

20.04 Divisible Surplus

The parties agree that any surplus, credits, refunds or reimbursements excluding sick leave and/or pension credits, under whatever name accrue to and for the benefit of the Hospital.

20.05 Part-Time Benefits

A part-time employee shall receive in lieu of all fringe benefits (being those benefits to an employee, paid in whole or in part by the hospitals, as part of direct compensation or otherwise, including holiday pay, save and except salary, vacation pay, standby pay, call-in pay, responsibility pay, jury and witness duty, bereavement leave, and pregnancy and parental supplemental unemployment benefits) an amount equal to fourteen percent (14%) of their regular straight time hourly rate for all straight time hours paid. For part-time employees who are members of the Hospital's pension plan the percentage in lieu of fringe benefits is twelve percent (12%).

20.06 Benefits on Lay-off

Employees who have been laid off are entitled to the Extended Health and Dental benefits. Employees will be able to buy those benefits at one hundred percent (100%) employee cost. The employee will be responsible for making appropriate arrangements with the Hospital for payment of both the employer and employee portions of the premium costs. The employee will be able to access these benefits for a maximum of twelve (12) months from the date of their actual lay-off.

20.07 Benefits on Sick Leave

The Hospital will pay the employer portion of the benefit premiums while an employee is on sick leave, including the EI period prior to the commencement of long-term disability and LTD, to a maximum of thirty (30) months from the date the absence began.

20.08 Benefits for Early Retirees

- (a) The Hospital will provide to all employees who are 55-56 years of age who retire (including disability retirements) and have not yet reached age sixty-five (65) and who are in receipt of the Hospital's pension plan benefits, semi-private, extended health care (except for the Health Care Spending Account) and dental benefits on the same basis as is provided to active employees, as long as the retiree pays the Hospital the full amount of the monthly premiums in advance.
- (b) The Hospital will provide to all full-time employees who reach age fifty-seven (57) and retire (including disability retirements) and have not yet reached age sixty-five (65) and who are in receipt of the Hospital's pension plan benefits, semi-private, extended health care (except for the Health Care Spending Account) and dental benefits on the same basis as is provided to active employees as long as the retiree pays the Hospital their share of the monthly premiums in advance. The Hospital will contribute fifty percent (50%) of the billed premiums of these benefit plans.

20.09 Benefits Information

- (a) The Hospital shall provide each employee with access to information booklets outlining all of the current provisions in the benefit plans defined in Article 20.01. Upon request, the Hospital will make the Plan(s) available to the Union for inspection.
- (b) The Hospital shall notify the Union of the name(s) of the carrier(s) which provide the benefit plans defined in Article 20.01. The Hospital shall also provide the Union with access to all current information booklets provided to the employees.

20.10 Benefits Age 65 and Older

Semi-Private Hospital Insurance and Extended Health Care benefits will be extended to active full-time employees from the age of sixty-five (65), and up to the employee's seventieth (70th) birthday, on the same cost share basis as those employees under the age of sixty-five (65).

ARTICLE 21 – MODIFIED WORK

21.01 In order to facilitate a safe return to work, in compliance with the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act*, the *Ontario Human Rights Code*, the Collective Agreement and other applicable legislation, the parties will provide fair and consistent practices to accommodate employees who are ill, injured or permanently disabled.

21.02 Where the Hospital and the Union agree, the Hospital may implement modified/rehabilitative work programs in order to assist employees returning to work following illness or injury. To facilitate these programs, it is understood and agreed that provisions of the collective agreement may, where agreed, be varied. The specific terms of the program will be signed by the Hospital and the Union.

In order for the parties to fulfill their obligations as set out under Article 3.04, the Union will be invited to attend meetings with a bargaining unit member in relation to their modified/rehabilitative work program.

21.03 The parties agree that the issue of education on the topics of accommodation and modified work are appropriate agenda items for the Labour-Management Committee.

ARTICLE 22 – CONTRACTING OUT

22.01 The Hospital shall not contract out work currently performed by members of this bargaining unit if, as a result of such contracting out, a layoff of any bargaining unit employees occurs. This clause will not apply in circumstances where the Hospital no longer provides particular services as a result of the rationalization or sharing of services between hospitals in a particular geographic district, or as a result of the withdrawal of the Hospital's license to perform such services.

ARTICLE 23 – WORK OF THE BARGAINING UNIT

23.01 Supervisors or Managers excluded from the bargaining unit shall not perform duties normally performed by members in the bargaining unit which shall directly cause or result in the layoff, loss of seniority or service or reduction in benefits to members in the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 24 – CONTINUING EDUCATION

24.01 The Hospital and the Union recognize that continuing education is important for all employees and that they have shared interests and responsibilities in ensuring equitable access to it. Therefore:

- (i) The Local Parties will endeavour to maximize internal opportunities for training and development which may include but are not limited to: lunch hour programs, guest lecturers, trained employees training other employees, teleconferences, and access to in-house programs/seminars.
- (ii) Continuing education opportunities will be communicated within the department(s). Where access to an opportunity is limited, the Hospital will identify pertinent selection criteria, terms of payment, etc. Decisions about continuing education opportunities will be made at the departmental level within the context of employee, Hospital, and department/program needs.
- (iii) Where the employee requests it, the Hospital and the employee will jointly create an Annual Development Plan outlining continuing education goals and objectives.
- (iv) In the event of dissatisfaction with the way in which continuing education decisions are made at the departmental level, the issue will be considered by a continuing education sub-committee of the Labour-Management Committee. This sub-committee will consider opportunities, employee needs, Hospital needs and department/program requirements. The sub-committee may make recommendation(s) to the Hospital.

ARTICLE 25 – COMPENSATION

- 25.01 (a) When a new classification in the bargaining unit is established by the Hospital, or the Hospital makes a substantial change in the job content of an existing classification, the Hospital shall advise the Union of such new or substantially changed classification and the rate of pay which is established. If so requested within thirty (30) calendar days of such advice, the Hospital agrees to meet with the Union to permit the Union to make representations with respect to the appropriate rate of pay, providing any such meetings shall not delay the implementation of the new or substantially changed classification. Where the Union challenges the rate established by the Hospital and the matter is not resolved following the meeting with the Union, the matter may be referred to arbitration in accordance with the arbitration provisions contained in this collective agreement, it being understood that any arbitration board shall be limited to establishing an appropriate rate based on the relationship existing among other classifications within the Hospitals and the duties and responsibilities involved. It is further understood and agreed that when determining the appropriate rate, primacy must be given to the relationship between job classifications covered by this Collective Agreement and that such relativity must be maintained. Each change in the rate established by the Hospital either through meetings with the Union or by a Board of Arbitration shall be retroactive from the time at which the new or substantially changed classification was first filled.

(b) Notwithstanding the forgoing, if a Participating Hospital makes a substantial change to a Central classification, then the matter may be dealt with at a Central level. Where the parties agree to deal with such change at the Central level, any agreement or award shall be binding on all Participating Hospitals and bargaining units.

(i) No classification will be considered under this process where there is no grievance filed pursuant to Article 25.01 (a) in relation to that classification. The retroactive application of a decision will be determined by the central parties as a condition of agreement in this process.

(ii) Effective the date of the award/settlement of this Collective Agreement, or where the central parties have otherwise agreed, where one central party alleges there has been a substantial change to the job content of a central classification it may be the subject of this process.

For clarity a central classification shall be defined as any job listed in the OPSEU Central Wage Rates.

(iii) The central party who has identified the substantial change to the job content of a central classification must notify the other central party in writing within twelve (12) months of the date of the change.

(iv) Once the parties have reviewed the above, the central parties will meet to determine:

(1) whether the classification is a central classification; and

(2) whether the change is occurring across multiple Participating Hospitals.

(v) If the central parties agree the classification is central and that the change is occurring in multiple Participating Hospitals, this process will be engaged.

(vi) The failure to agree to engage this process will not be the subject of a grievance.

- (vii) If the central parties cannot agree that this process is engaged, it is understood that there will be no timeline objections from either party with respect to the continuance of grievance(s) filed under Article 25.01 (a).
- (viii) If the process is not engaged due to the lack of occurrence at multiple hospitals, a request from a new hospital for the same classification in the future may allow either party to include the previous requests.
- (ix) If the process is engaged the central parties will:
 - (1) Identify the classification that has been the subject of an alleged substantial change.
 - (2) Identify the change that has been alleged.
 - (3) Review a job description for the position prior to the change.
 - (4) Collect standardized job information questionnaires which are completed by individuals in the classification for each Participating Hospital which has the affected classification in their bargaining unit. The questionnaires will be approved by the respective managers. Furthermore, it is understood that the parties will receive the questionnaires as completed by the employees with the manager's comments.
 - (5) Identify a timeframe for when the change occurred.
 - (6) Review the current rate(s) of pay.

If any disagreement arises between the parties in (1) – (6) above, this process will be disengaged and the issue will be returned to the local(s) for resolution under Article 25.01(a) with no time line objections from either party.
- (x) Following the review above, the central parties will meet to determine whether there has been a substantial change to the job content of a central classification and whether the rate of pay is appropriate.

(xi) Where the parties cannot agree either that there has been a substantial change to the job content of a central classification or to an appropriate rate of pay the matter may be referred to arbitration, it being understood that any arbitration board shall be limited to establishing whether there has been a substantial change to the job content of a central classification and an appropriate rate based on the relationship existing among other classifications within the central wage grid and the duties and responsibilities involved. It is further understood and agreed that when determining the appropriate rate, primacy must be given to the relationship between job classifications covered by the central wage grid and that such relativity must be maintained.

(xii) Any resolution through this process will resolve any outstanding grievances related to the alleged changed central classification and will be binding on all Participating Hospitals and bargaining units.

25.02 (a) Claim for recent related experience, if any, shall be made in writing by the employee at the time of hiring into the bargaining unit on the application for employment form or otherwise. The employee shall cooperate with the Hospital by providing verification of previous experience.

(b) Prior experience shall be credited at the rate of one (1) increment on the salary scale for every one (1) year of recent, related, full-time experience, as determined by the Hospital.

(c) For the purposes of the above clause, as it applies to part-time employees, part-time experience will be calculated on the basis of 1650 hours worked equaling one (1) year of experience.

NOTE: Where existing collective agreements have provisions for recent related experience credit superior to the above provisions, such provisions shall continue to be in effect.

25.03 (Applicable to part-time employees only)

Part-time employees will accumulate service for purposes of progression on the salary grid, on the basis of one (1) year of service for each 1650 hours worked.

Notwithstanding this provision, the calculation of service for purposes of progression on the salary grid will include service accrued during a pregnancy leave or parental leave on the basis of seniority accrual during such leaves in accordance with Article 10.03(a)(ii) of the agreement.

25.04 Wage grids for those job classifications not covered by the Central wage grids are an appropriate subject matter for Local Negotiations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, those non-standard job classifications will receive general wage increases in accordance with the centrally negotiated agreement.

ARTICLE 26 – SUPERIOR BENEFITS

26.01 The Central Parties wish to encourage non-Participating Hospitals and Bargaining Units to join the central OPSEU and Participating Hospitals bargaining process.

26.02 The following language applies to hospitals and locals entering central bargaining following the 2006 round of bargaining and thereafter:

- (i) Prior to becoming a new participant in the central bargaining process, the local parties will hold negotiations to determine the content, if anything, of a superior condition appendix to the collective agreement. After these negotiations have concluded, the local parties will send a joint letter to the central parties with a copy of the expiring agreement and the newly negotiated superior condition appendix.
- (ii) Existing rights, privileges, practices, terms or conditions of employment which may be considered to be superior to those contained in the central agreement shall be deemed not to continue in effect unless specifically retained by the superior condition appendix.
- (iii) The local parties must agree to adopt central language in their collective agreement with the exception of the agreed upon superior conditions set out in their superior condition appendix.
- (iv) The content of the superior conditions appendices are appropriate subject matter for both local and central negotiations. For clarity, the scope of these negotiations is only to reduce or eliminate the superior condition(s).

- (v) The local parties have only one opportunity to join the central process with the protection of their superior conditions. Should they leave the central process and later rejoin, they will not have access to this same opportunity.

ARTICLE 27 – MULTI-SITE ISSUES

- 27.01 (a) Where multi-site/location operations currently exist, or are anticipated, either party may bring forward issues for local bargaining in accordance with the Memorandum of Conditions for Joint Bargaining. Where a new multi-site or location operation arises after the signing of the collective agreement, at the request of either party, the parties will enter into negotiations to effect an agreement to address multi-site/location issues.
- (b) An agreement under Article 27.01(a) may encompass issues that have traditionally been deemed to be Central, subject to approval by the Central Parties. The issues appropriate for local negotiation may include, but are not restricted to: the process used to determine who works where and when, transportation allowance, cost of transportation (including parking), travel time, definition of headquarters, job posting procedure, health and safety, union committees, standby, call back, and scheduling. The Local Parties may wish to use the Flexible Tours Model Agreement to address Hours of Work. Issues that are not appropriate for local negotiation are: Layoff and Recall, Hours of Work and Overtime (unless amended through the Model Agreement with respect to Innovative Scheduling/Flexible Scheduling Agreement).
- (c) Where the Local Parties are unable to negotiate an agreement on language that modifies central issues, the Central Parties will be invited to provide assistance. Where assistance from the Central Parties does not result in an agreement, and where the outstanding issues are only local in nature, the dispute will be resolved by mediation/arbitration. Where the matters in dispute are Central in nature, the manner of dispute resolution will be determined by the Central Parties.

ARTICLE 28 – JOB REGISTRY

- 28.01 (a) A Central Repository of Job Openings in Participating Hospitals will be maintained and updated by OPSEU and posted on its Web Site. The Participating Hospitals will inform OPSEU, by way of e-mail or fax, of these job opportunities at the same time as they are posted at the hospital. This information will include the job requirements so employees viewing the listing can ascertain whether or not to make application. OPSEU members who are on layoff, or are in receipt of notice of layoff may apply to those vacancies.

These applications will be considered after the normal job posting procedure has been completed and no internal applicant has been selected.

- (b) If such an employee who applies through this process is selected, and accepts the position, such employee will transfer her accumulated service to the receiving Hospital for the purposes of placement on the wage grid and for vacation entitlement only. Placement on the wage or vacation grid means that the employee shall be placed at the same step in the grid the employee held in her previous position and shall progress through the grid thereafter on the basis of their service date from their former Hospital. It is understood that service for the purposes of determining seniority, and notice/severance under the *Employment Standards Act*, will be based upon the first day of employment with the receiving Hospital and will be governed by the terms of the receiving Hospital's collective agreement.
- (c) An employee changing Hospitals under this provision will be subject to the normal probationary period as outlined in the hiring Hospital's collective agreement (Article 10.01). During this probationary period the employee retains any right of recall they might have to their former Hospital. If for any reason the new employment relationship ceases during the probationary period the employee will return to their former status as a laid off employee of the former Hospital.

After the successful completion of the probationary period the employee forfeits any right of recall to their former Hospital. Any monies that may be owing to the employee as a result of their termination from their former place of employment will be the responsibility of the former Hospital.

ARTICLE 29 – MODEL SCHEDULING AGREEMENTS AND PRE-PAID LEAVE

29.01 Extended Tours

Where the Hospital and the Union agree, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Labour, other arrangements regarding hours of work may be entered into between the parties on a local level with respect to tours beyond the normal or standard work day. The model agreement with respect to extended tour arrangements is set out below:

MODEL AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO EXTENDED TOUR ARRANGEMENTS

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between: The Hospital –

And: The Ontario Public Service Employees Union
(and its Local)

This Model Agreement shall be part of the Collective Agreement between the parties herein, and shall apply to the employees described in Article 1 of the Model Agreement.

Article 1 – Work Unit and Employees Covered

(Detailed and specific description of department and employees covered.)

Article 2 – Hours of Work

2.01 The normal or standard extended work day shall be ____ hours per day.

2.02 (Detailed description with an attached schedule where appropriate.)

2.03 Failure to provide (____) hours between the commencement of an employee's scheduled shift and the commencement of such employee's next scheduled shift shall result in payment of one and one-half (1 ½) times the employee's regular straight time hourly rate for only those hours which reduce the (____) hour period. Where the (____) hour period is reduced as a result of an approved change of shift(s) requested by the employee(s), such premium payment shall not apply.

Article 3 – Overtime

3.01 Overtime shall be defined as being all hours worked in excess of the normal or standard extended work day, as set out in Article 2.01 of the Model Agreement or in excess of the normal or standard work week as set out in Article 16.01 of the collective agreement.

3.02 For purposes of overtime the hours of work per week shall be averaged over ____ weeks.

Article 4 – Rest Periods

- 4.01 Employees shall be entitled, subject to the exigencies of patient care, to relief periods during the shift on the basis of fifteen (15) minutes for each three and three-quarters (3.75) hours worked.

Article 5 – Meal Periods

- 5.01 (The length of the meal period to be determined locally.)

Article 6 – Sick Leave and Long-Term Disability

(Applicable to full-time employees only)

- 6.01 The short-term sick leave plan will provide payment for the number of hours of absence according to the scheduled tour to a total of 562.5 hours. All other provisions of the existing plan shall apply mutatis mutandis.

Article 7 – Paid Holidays

(Applicable to full-time employees only)

- 7.01 Holiday pay will be computed on the basis of the employee's regular straight time hourly rate of pay times the number of hours for a normal or standard work day as set out in Article 16.01(a).
- 7.02 An employee required to work on any of the designated holidays listed in the collective agreement shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1 ½) their regular straight time rate of pay for all hours worked on such holiday, subject to Article 18.03. In addition, they will receive a lieu day off with pay in the amount of their regular straight time hourly rate of pay times seven and one-half (7 ½) hours, except in those hospitals which have a standard work day of less than seven and one-half (7 ½) hours in which case holiday pay will be based on the standard daily hours in that hospital.

Article 8 – Vacation

- 8.01 (Applicable to full-time only)

Vacation entitlement as set out in Article 19.01 will be converted to hours on the basis of the employee's normal work week.

8.02 (Applicable to part-time only)

As set out in Article 19.02 of the collective agreement.

Article 9 – Local Provisions

(Local Provisions related to extended tours are to be set out in this Article and numbered in sequence)

Term

This Agreement shall be (Specify Term).

Either party may, on written notice of (days, weeks) to the other party, terminate this Agreement notwithstanding the above specified term.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20____.

For the Union

For the Hospital

29.02 Innovative/Flexible Scheduling

Where the Hospital and the Union agree, arrangements regarding Innovative/Flexible Scheduling, including shifts of less than seven and one-half (7.5) hours, but not less than four (4) hours, may be entered into between the parties on a local level. Such agreement will not be unreasonably withheld.

Whenever a shift schedule of less than seven and one-half (7.5) hours but not less than four (4) hours is proposed by either party, the following will apply:

- (i) The party proposing the change will provide the details of its proposal, including the rationale, in writing, to the other party.
- (ii) The proposal must be department/area/employee specific.
- (iii) Unless they agree otherwise, the parties will then schedule a meeting to discuss the proposal within seven (7) calendar days of providing details of the proposal.

- (iv) If the Union does not agree to the proposal, it must provide its reasons in writing within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the Hospital's written request.

The model agreement with respect to such scheduling arrangements is set out below:

MODEL AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO INNOVATIVE SCHEDULING/FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between: The Hospital –

And: The Ontario Public Service Employees Union
(and its Local)

This Model Agreement shall be part of the Collective Agreement between the parties herein, and shall apply to the employees described in Article 1 of the Model Agreement.

Article 1 – Work Unit and Employees Covered

(Detailed and specific description of department and employees covered.)

Article 2 – Hours of Work

(Scheduling arrangement to be set out in this Article.)

Article 3 – Agreed Variation from the Collective Agreement

(Collective Agreement provisions to be varied.)

Article 4 – Rest Periods

4.01 Employees shall be entitled, subject to the exigencies of patient care, to relief periods during the shift on the basis of fifteen (15) minutes for each three and three-quarters (3.75) hours worked.

Article 5 – Meal Periods

5.01 (The length of the meal period to be determined locally.)

Article 6 – Local Provisions

(Local provisions related to these scheduling arrangements are to be set out in this Article and numbered in sequence.)

Term

This Agreement shall be (Specify Term).

Either party may, on written notice of (days, weeks) to the other party, terminate this Agreement notwithstanding the above specified term.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 20____.

For the Union

For the Hospital

29.03 Job Sharing Arrangements

Where the Hospital and the Union agree, job sharing arrangements may be entered into between the parties on a local level. Job sharing is defined as an arrangement whereby two employees share the hours of work of what would otherwise be one full-time position. Subject to the provisions of Article 11, the position involved in the job sharing arrangement will be maintained as a full-time position in the Hospital's staffing complement.

The model agreement with respect to job sharing is set out below:

MODEL AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO JOB SHARING

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between: The Hospital –

And: The Ontario Public Service Employees Union
(and its Local)

This Model Agreement shall be part of the Collective Agreement between the parties herein, and shall apply to the employees described in Article 1 of the Model Agreement.

Article 1 – Work Unit and Employees Covered

(Detailed and specific description of department and employees covered.)

Article 2 – Hours of Work

(Scheduling and coverage arrangements to be set out in this Article.)

Article 3 – Status of Employees

3.01 The employees involved in a job sharing arrangement will be classified as regular part-time and will be covered by the provisions of the applicable Collective Agreement.

Article 4 – Introduction

(Introduction provisions to be set out in this Article.)

Article 5 – Discontinuance

(Discontinuance provisions to be set out in this Article. In preparing discontinuance language, the parties shall make provisions for a full-time employee who has transferred to a regular part-time position as part of a job sharing arrangement to have the first option of returning to that full-time position on the collapse of the arrangement.)

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20____.

For the Union

For the Hospital

NOTE: Employees presently covered by a job sharing arrangement shall be subject to its terms and conditions until such job sharing arrangement is discontinued.

29.04 Pre-Paid Leave

(a) Purpose

The Pre-Paid Leave Plan is a plan developed to afford employees the opportunity to take a one (1) year leave of absence, funded solely by the employee through the deferral of salary over a defined period, in accordance with Part LXVIII of the *Income Tax Regulations*, Section 6801 (as may be amended from time to time).

(b) Application

Eligible employees must make written application to the Department Head, with a copy to the Director of Human Resources/Personnel, at least six (6) months prior to the intended commencement date of the salary deferral portion of the Pre-Paid Leave Plan. Such application will outline the reason the leave is being requested.

Priority will be given to applicants intending to use the leave to pursue formal education related to their profession. As between two (2) or more candidates, from the same department, with the same intended purpose, seniority shall govern. The employee will be informed of the disposition of their application as soon as is reasonably possible after the closing date for applications.

- (c) The total number of employees that may be accepted into the Pre-Paid Leave Plan in any one plan year as defined in Article 29.04(l) and from any one department shall be (number subject to local negotiations). Where there are more applications than spaces allotted, seniority shall govern subject to 29.04(b) above.

(d) Nature of Final Agreement

Final approval for entry into the pre-paid leave program will be subject to the employee entering into a formal agreement with the Hospital, authorizing the Hospital to make the appropriate deductions from the employee's pay. The agreement will also include:

- (i) A statement that the employee is entering the plan in accordance with Article 29.04 of the Collective Agreement.
- (ii) The period of salary deferral and the period for which the leave is requested.

- (iii) The manner in which the deferred salary is to be held.
- (iv) The letter of application to enter the plan will be appended to, and form part of, the written agreement.

(e) Deferral Plan

The deferral portion of the plan shall involve an employee spreading four (4) years' salary over a five (5) year period, or such other schedule as may be mutually agreed between the employee and the Hospital. In the case of the four (4) years' salary over a five (5) year schedule, during the four (4) years of salary deferral, twenty percent (20%) of the employee's gross annual earnings will be deducted and held for the employee. Such deferred salary will not be accessible to the employee until the year of the leave or upon the collapse of the plan. In the case of another mutually agreed upon deferral schedule, the percentage of salary deferred shall be adjusted appropriately.

(f) Deferred Earnings

The manner in which the deferred salary is held shall be at the discretion of the Hospital. The employee will be made aware, in advance of having to sign any formal agreement, of the manner of holding such deferred salary.

Interest which is accumulated during each year of the deferral period shall be paid out to the employee in accordance with Part LXVIII of the *Income Tax Regulations*, Section 6801.

(g) Health and Welfare Benefits

All benefits shall be kept whole during the deferral period of the plan.

Full-Time Employees Only

Employees will be allowed to participate in health and welfare benefits plans during the year of the leave, but the full cost of such plans will be borne by the employees. Contributions to the Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan will be in accordance with the Plan.

Notwithstanding the above, employees will not be eligible to participate in the disability income plan during the year of the leave.

(h) Seniority and Service

Full-Time Employees Only

During the year of the leave, seniority shall continue to accumulate.

Service for the purposes of vacation and salary progression and other benefits will be retained but will not accumulate during the period of the leave.

(i) Assignment on Return

On return from leave, a participant will be assigned to their former position unless it is no longer available. In such a case the employee will be given a comparable job, if possible, or the layoff provisions will be applied.

(j) Withdrawal Rights

(i) A participant may withdraw from the plan at any time up to a date three (3) months prior to the commencement of the leave. Deferred salary, and accrued interest will be returned to the participant within a reasonable period of time.

(ii) On Leaving Employment

If a participant resigns, or is terminated, prior to the commencement of the leave, deferred salary plus interest will be returned to the participant within a reasonable period of time. In the event of the death of a participant, such funds will be paid to the participant's estate.

(k) Replacement Employees

The Hospital will endeavour to find a temporary replacement for the employee, as far in advance as practicable. If the Hospital is unable to find a suitable replacement, it may postpone the leave. If, after a period of postponement, a suitable temporary replacement cannot be found, the Hospital will have the option of considering a further postponement or of collapsing the plan. The employee, subject to such a postponement, will have the option of remaining in the plan and rearranging the leave at a mutually agreeable time, or of withdrawing from the plan as outlined in Article 29.04(j).

(l) Plan Year

The year for the purposes of the plan shall be from September 1 of one year, to August 31, of the following year, or such other years as the parties may agree to.

(m) Status of Replacement Employee

- (i) Only the original vacancy resulting from an absence due to pre-paid leave will be posted.
- (ii) Employees in bargaining units at the Hospital represented by OPSEU, selected to fill vacancies resulting from replacing an employee on a pre-paid leave need not be considered for other vacancies while replacing such employee. Upon completion of the leave, the replacing employee will be returned to their former position, and the filling of subsequent vacancies will likewise be reversed.
- (iii) Employees newly hired to fill vacancies resulting from replacing an employee on pre-paid leave will not accrue seniority during the filling of such vacancies. Furthermore, such employees need not be considered for other vacancies. If such employees do post into permanent positions they will be credited with seniority from their last date of hire. The release or discharge of such employees will not be subject of a grievance or arbitration.

ARTICLE 30 – EMERGENCY SITUATIONS – LOCAL CONSULTATION

30.01 The parties agree to develop and establish a local consultation process to deal with future emergency situations of an unexpected nature that challenges the Hospital's ability to deliver safe health care and requires a temporary change to the Hospital's normal operating procedures. Such consultation shall include, but is not limited to, issues of redeployment and reassignment of staff (including voluntary reassignment of staff), planning of additional sessions of consultation, personal protective equipment, and the temporary waiver of terms and conditions of the Collective Agreement, as agreed to by the parties.

There shall be no loss of earnings, service or benefits for committee members attending the committee meetings. The total number of committee members shall be established at the local level.

ARTICLE 31 – COST OF PRINTING

31.01 The cost of printing the Collective Agreement will be shared equally by the Hospital and the Union. The Collective Agreement will be printed within sixty (60) days of its signing.

ARTICLE 32 – DURATION AND RENEWAL

32.01 This Agreement shall continue in effect until the 31st day of March, 2025 and shall continue automatically thereafter for annual periods of one year each unless either party notifies the other in writing that it intends to amend or terminate this Agreement in accordance with the following:

- (i) In the event the parties to this Agreement agree to negotiate for its renewal through the process of central bargaining, either party may give notice to the other of its desire to bargain for the renewal of this Agreement within one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the termination date of this Agreement. Negotiations on local matters shall take place during the period from one hundred and twenty (120) to sixty (60) days prior to the termination date of this Agreement. It is understood and agreed that “local matters” means those matters which have been determined by mutual agreement between the central negotiating committees representing each of the parties to this Agreement as being subjects for local bargaining directly between the parties to this Agreement. It is also agreed that local bargaining shall be subject to such procedures as may be determined by mutual agreement between the central negotiating committees referred to above.
- (ii) In the event the parties to this Agreement do not agree to negotiate for its renewal through the process of central bargaining, either party may notify the other within the period from ninety (90) days to sixty (60) days preceding the expiry date of this Agreement that it desires to amend or terminate this Agreement. If notice of amendment or termination is given by either party, the other party agrees to meet for the purpose of negotiations within thirty (30) days after the giving of notice, if so requested.
- (iii) It is further understood that the central negotiating committees will meet in the sixth month prior to the termination of this Agreement to convey the intentions of their principals as to participation in central negotiations, if any, and to determine the conditions for such central bargaining.

- (iv) Proposals on central issues shall be exchanged by the central negotiating committees on a date set out in the Memorandum of Conditions for Joint Bargaining. Negotiations on central matters shall take place during the period commencing ninety (90) days prior to the termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 33 – RETROACTIVITY OF WAGES

33.01 Current employees on staff, from the date of either ratification of the settlement or interest arbitration award, will be paid retroactivity, within four (4) full pay periods, from the date of ratification of the settlement or date of interest arbitration award, on the basis of hours paid.

Retroactivity shall be paid on wage increases, including any payments based on the wage rate (for example, the percentage in lieu of benefits, vacation pay, and SUB).

The Hospital will contact former employees at their last known address on record with the hospital, within four (4) full pay periods from the date of ratification of settlement or date of interest arbitration award, to advise them of their entitlement to retroactivity.

Former employees will have a period of four (4) full pay periods from the date of the notice to claim such retroactivity and, if they fail to make a claim within the four (4) full pay periods, their claim will be deemed to be abandoned.

**OPSEU CENTRAL WAGE RATES
INCLUSIVE OF PAY EQUITY ADJUSTMENTS ARISING OUT OF THE CENTRAL
PAY EQUITY PLAN**

April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2025

April 1, 2022 – 4.75%

April 1, 2023 – 3.50%

September 1, 2023 – 1.75% (Applied to Max Rate) Registered Technologist and Above

April 1, 2024 – 3.00%

Medical Laboratory Technologist, Medical Radiation Technologist, Biomedical Technologist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	32.99	34.56	35.77	35.77	36.84
1 yr	34.27	35.90	37.15	37.15	38.27
2 yr	35.70	37.40	38.70	38.70	39.87
3 yr	37.12	38.88	40.24	40.24	41.45
4 yr	38.54	40.37	41.78	41.78	43.04
5 yr	39.96	41.86	43.32	43.32	44.62
6 yr	41.38	43.35	44.86	44.86	46.21
7 yr	42.79	44.82	46.39	46.39	47.78
8 yr	44.22	46.32	47.94	48.78	50.24

Ultrasound, Echocardiographer, MRI Technologist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	32.99	34.56	35.77	35.77	36.84
1 yr	34.27	35.90	37.15	37.15	38.27
2 yr	35.70	37.40	38.70	38.70	39.87
3 yr	37.12	38.88	40.24	40.24	41.45
4 yr	38.54	40.37	41.78	41.78	43.04
5 yr	39.96	41.86	43.32	43.32	44.62
6 yr	41.38	43.35	44.86	44.86	46.21
7 yr	42.79	44.82	46.39	46.39	47.78
8 yr	45.56	47.72	49.39	50.26	51.77

Senior

Medical Laboratory Technologist
Medical Radiation Technologist, Biomedical Technologist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	37.83	39.63	41.01	41.01	42.24
1 yr	39.33	41.20	42.64	42.64	43.92
2 yr	40.87	42.81	44.31	44.31	45.64
3 yr	42.34	44.35	45.90	45.90	47.28
4 yr	43.89	45.97	47.58	47.58	49.01
5 yr	45.35	47.50	49.17	49.17	50.64
6 yr	46.89	49.12	50.84	51.73	53.28

Senior

Ultrasound, Echocardiographer, MRI Technologist, Respiratory Therapist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	37.83	39.63	41.01	41.01	42.24
1 yr	39.33	41.20	42.64	42.64	43.92
2 yr	40.87	42.81	44.31	44.31	45.64
3 yr	42.34	44.35	45.90	45.90	47.28
4 yr	43.89	45.97	47.58	47.58	49.01
5 yr	45.35	47.50	49.17	49.17	50.64
6 yr	48.29	50.58	52.35	53.27	54.87

Charge

Medical Laboratory Technologist, Medical Radiation Technologist, Biomedical Technologist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	39.99	41.89	43.36	43.36	44.66
1 yr	41.57	43.54	45.07	45.07	46.42
2 yr	43.17	45.22	46.80	46.80	48.21
3 yr	44.76	46.89	48.53	48.53	49.98
4 yr	46.37	48.57	50.27	50.27	51.78
5 yr	47.92	50.20	51.95	51.95	53.51
6 yr	49.55	51.90	53.72	54.66	56.30

Charge

Ultrasound, Echocardiographer, MRI Technologist, Respiratory Therapist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	39.99	41.89	43.36	43.36	44.66
1 yr	41.57	43.54	45.07	45.07	46.42
2 yr	43.17	45.22	46.80	46.80	48.21
3 yr	44.76	46.89	48.53	48.53	49.98
4 yr	46.37	48.57	50.27	50.27	51.78
5 yr	47.92	50.20	51.95	51.95	53.51
6 yr	51.04	53.46	55.34	56.30	57.99

Respiratory Therapist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	32.99	34.56	37.21	37.24	38.35
1 yr	34.27	35.90	38.60	38.63	39.78
2 yr	35.70	37.40	40.15	40.18	41.38
3 yr	37.12	38.88	41.69	41.72	42.96
4 yr	38.54	40.37	43.23	43.25	44.55
5 yr	39.96	41.86	44.77	44.79	46.14
6 yr	41.38	43.35	46.31	46.33	47.72
7 yr	42.79	44.82	47.84	47.86	49.30
8 yr	45.56	47.72	50.84	51.73	53.28

Perfusionist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	38.48	40.31	41.72	41.72	42.97
1 yr	40.62	42.55	44.04	44.04	45.36
2 yr	42.72	44.75	46.32	46.32	47.70
3 yr	44.83	46.96	48.60	48.60	50.06
4 yr	46.94	49.17	50.89	50.89	52.42
5 yr	50.53	52.93	54.78	55.74	57.41

BSW, Kinesiologist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	35.07	36.74	38.02	38.02	39.16
1 yr	36.98	38.74	40.09	40.09	41.30
2 yr	38.91	40.76	42.18	42.18	43.45
3 yr	40.84	42.78	44.28	44.28	45.61
4 yr	42.76	44.79	46.36	46.36	47.75
5 yr	44.68	46.80	48.44	49.29	50.77

Pharmacy Technician

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	28.94	30.31	31.38	31.38	32.32
2 yr	31.15	32.63	33.77	33.77	34.78
3 yr	32.26	33.79	34.98	34.98	36.02
4 yr	33.37	34.96	36.18	36.18	37.26

Pharmacist					
	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	43.17	45.22	46.80	46.80	48.21
1 yr	45.54	47.70	49.37	49.37	50.85
2 yr	47.95	50.23	51.99	51.99	53.55
3 yr	50.31	52.70	54.54	54.54	56.18
4 yr	52.72	55.22	57.16	57.16	58.87
5 yr	56.77	59.47	61.55	62.62	64.50

Dietitian					
	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	35.07	36.74	40.42	40.46	41.68
1 yr	36.98	38.74	42.49	42.53	43.81
2 yr	38.91	40.76	44.58	44.63	45.96
3 yr	40.84	42.78	46.68	46.72	48.12
4 yr	42.76	44.79	48.76	48.80	50.26
5 yr	44.68	46.80	50.84	51.73	53.28

Psychologist					
	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	55.07	57.69	59.70	59.70	61.50
1 yr	58.10	60.86	62.99	62.99	64.88
2 yr	61.12	64.02	66.26	66.26	68.25
3 yr	64.14	67.19	69.54	69.54	71.62
4 yr	67.18	70.37	72.83	72.83	75.02
5 yr	70.19	73.52	76.10	77.43	79.75

Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist					
	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	36.12	37.83	39.16	39.19	40.36
1 yr	38.53	40.36	41.77	41.80	43.05
2 yr	40.94	42.88	44.39	44.41	45.74
3 yr	43.35	45.41	47.00	47.02	48.43
4 yr	45.74	47.91	49.59	49.61	51.10
5 yr	49.55	51.90	53.72	54.66	56.30

Audiologist, Psychometrist, MSW, Speech Pathologist					
	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	40.00	41.90	43.37	43.37	44.67
1 yr	42.18	44.18	45.73	45.73	47.10
2 yr	44.37	46.48	48.10	48.10	49.55
3 yr	46.57	48.78	50.49	50.49	52.00
4 yr	48.76	51.08	52.86	52.86	54.45
5 yr	50.96	53.38	55.25	56.22	57.90

Technician 1 - Lab Aide/Clerk, Audio-Visual Assistant, Darkroom Technician					
	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	23.05	24.14	24.99	24.99	25.74
1 yr	23.90	25.04	25.91	25.91	26.69
2 yr	24.79	25.97	26.88	26.88	27.68
3 yr	25.66	26.88	27.82	27.82	28.65
4 yr	26.54	27.80	28.77	28.77	29.64

Technician 2- Orthotic/Prosthetic Technician, Media Maker					
	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	25.58	26.80	27.73	27.73	28.56
1 yr	26.54	27.80	28.77	28.77	29.64
2 yr	27.50	28.81	29.81	29.81	30.71
3 yr	28.47	29.82	30.87	30.87	31.79
4 yr	29.44	30.84	31.92	31.92	32.88

Technician 3- Non-Certified EEG/EMG/ENG/ECHO Technician, Morgue Attendant/Technician, Pharmacy Assistant					
	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	27.30	28.60	29.60	29.60	30.49
1 yr	28.37	29.72	30.76	30.76	31.68
2 yr	29.39	30.79	31.86	31.86	32.82
3 yr	30.43	31.88	32.99	32.99	33.98
4 yr	31.48	32.98	34.13	34.13	35.15

Technician 4 - Non-Registered Technologist, Audio-Visual Technician, Dental Technician/Assistant, Technician (Cardio- Pulmonary, Audiology, Ophthalmic, Orthopaedic, Doppler Flow, Retinal Photographer)

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	30.39	31.83	32.95	32.95	33.94
1 yr	31.53	33.03	34.18	34.18	35.21
2 yr	32.68	34.23	35.43	35.43	36.49
3 yr	33.87	35.48	36.72	36.72	37.82
4 yr	34.99	36.65	37.93	37.93	39.07

Technician 5-Autopsy Master, Certified EEG/EMG/ENG Technician, Physical Fitness/Health Maintenance Worker

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	32.18	33.71	34.89	34.89	35.93
1 yr	33.41	35.00	36.22	36.22	37.31
2 yr	34.63	36.27	37.54	37.54	38.67
3 yr	35.84	37.54	38.86	38.86	40.02
4 yr	37.05	38.81	40.17	40.17	41.37

Phlebotomist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	27.62	28.94	29.95	29.95	30.84
1 yr	28.58	29.94	30.99	30.99	31.91
2 yr	29.54	30.95	32.03	32.03	32.98
3 yr	30.51	31.96	33.08	33.08	34.07
4 yr	31.48	32.98	34.13	34.13	35.15

Medical Records Technician

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	27.62	28.94	32.00	32.00	32.95
1 yr	28.58	29.94	33.04	33.04	34.02
2 yr	29.54	30.95	34.08	34.08	35.09
3 yr	30.51	31.96	35.13	35.13	36.18
4 yr	31.48	32.98	36.18	36.18	37.26

ECG Technician, Lab Assistant

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	27.30	28.60	31.65	31.65	32.59
1 yr	28.37	29.72	32.81	32.81	33.79
2 yr	29.39	30.79	33.91	33.91	34.93
3 yr	30.43	31.88	35.04	35.04	36.09
4 yr	31.48	32.98	36.18	36.18	37.26

OR Technician, OT/PT Aide

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	27.62	28.94	34.17	34.17	35.19
1 yr	28.58	29.94	35.21	35.21	36.26
2 yr	29.54	30.95	36.25	36.25	37.33
3 yr	30.51	31.96	37.30	37.30	38.42
4 yr	31.48	32.98	38.35	38.35	39.50

**OPSEU CENTRAL WAGE RATES
UNADJUSTED BY PAY EQUITY
April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2025**

April 1, 2022 – 4.75%

April 1, 2023 – 3.50%

September 1, 2023 – 1.75% (Applied to Max Rate) Registered Technologist and Above

April 1, 2024 – 3.00%

Medical Laboratory Technologist,
Medical Radiation Technologist, Biomedical Technologist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	32.99	34.56	35.77	35.77	36.84
1 yr	34.27	35.90	37.15	37.15	38.27
2 yr	35.70	37.40	38.70	38.70	39.87
3 yr	37.12	38.88	40.24	40.24	41.45
4 yr	38.54	40.37	41.78	41.78	43.04
5 yr	39.96	41.86	43.32	43.32	44.62
6 yr	41.38	43.35	44.86	44.86	46.21
7 yr	42.79	44.82	46.39	46.39	47.78
8 yr	44.22	46.32	47.94	48.78	50.24

Ultrasound, Echocardiographer,
MRI Technologist, Respiratory Therapist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	32.99	34.56	35.77	35.77	36.84
1 yr	34.27	35.90	37.15	37.15	38.27
2 yr	35.70	37.40	38.70	38.70	39.87
3 yr	37.12	38.88	40.24	40.24	41.45
4 yr	38.54	40.37	41.78	41.78	43.04
5 yr	39.96	41.86	43.32	43.32	44.62
6 yr	41.38	43.35	44.86	44.86	46.21
7 yr	42.79	44.82	46.39	46.39	47.78
8 yr	45.56	47.72	49.39	50.26	51.77

Senior
Medical Laboratory Technologist
Medical Radiation Technologist, Biomedical Technologist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	37.83	39.63	41.01	41.01	42.24
1 yr	39.33	41.20	42.64	42.64	43.92
2 yr	40.87	42.81	44.31	44.31	45.64
3 yr	42.34	44.35	45.90	45.90	47.28
4 yr	43.89	45.97	47.58	47.58	49.01
5 yr	45.35	47.50	49.17	49.17	50.64
6 yr	46.89	49.12	50.84	51.73	53.28

Senior
Ultrasound, Echocardiographer,
MRI Technologist, Respiratory Therapist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	37.83	39.63	41.01	41.01	42.24
1 yr	39.33	41.20	42.64	42.64	43.92
2 yr	40.87	42.81	44.31	44.31	45.64
3 yr	42.34	44.35	45.90	45.90	47.28
4 yr	43.89	45.97	47.58	47.58	49.01
5 yr	45.35	47.50	49.17	49.17	50.64
6 yr	48.29	50.58	52.35	53.27	54.87

Charge

Medical Laboratory Technologist

Medical Radiation Technologist, Biomedical Technologist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	39.99	41.89	43.36	43.36	44.66
1 yr	41.57	43.54	45.07	45.07	46.42
2 yr	43.17	45.22	46.80	46.80	48.21
3 yr	44.76	46.89	48.53	48.53	49.98
4 yr	46.37	48.57	50.27	50.27	51.78
5 yr	47.92	50.20	51.95	51.95	53.51
6 yr	49.55	51.90	53.72	54.66	56.30

Charge

Ultrasound, Echocardiographer,

MRI Technologist, Respiratory Therapist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	39.99	41.89	43.36	43.36	44.66
1 yr	41.57	43.54	45.07	45.07	46.42
2 yr	43.17	45.22	46.80	46.80	48.21
3 yr	44.76	46.89	48.53	48.53	49.98
4 yr	46.37	48.57	50.27	50.27	51.78
5 yr	47.92	50.20	51.95	51.95	53.51
6 yr	51.04	53.46	55.34	56.30	57.99

**Dietitian, BSW,
Kinesiologist**

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	35.07	36.74	38.02	38.02	39.16
1 yr	36.98	38.74	40.09	40.09	41.30
2 yr	38.91	40.76	42.18	42.18	43.45
3 yr	40.84	42.78	44.28	44.28	45.61
4 yr	42.76	44.79	46.36	46.36	47.75
5 yr	44.68	46.80	48.44	49.29	50.77

Perfusionist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	38.48	40.31	41.72	41.72	42.97
1 yr	40.62	42.55	44.04	44.04	45.36
2 yr	42.72	44.75	46.32	46.32	47.70
3 yr	44.83	46.96	48.60	48.60	50.06
4 yr	46.94	49.17	50.89	50.89	52.42
5 yr	50.53	52.93	54.78	55.74	57.41

Pharmacist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	43.17	45.22	46.80	46.80	48.21
1 yr	45.54	47.70	49.37	49.37	50.85
2 yr	47.95	50.23	51.99	51.99	53.55
3 yr	50.31	52.70	54.54	54.54	56.18
4 yr	52.72	55.22	57.16	57.16	58.87
5 yr	56.77	59.47	61.55	62.62	64.50

Pharmacy Technician

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	28.94	30.31	31.38	31.38	32.32
1 yr	30.07	31.50	32.60	32.60	33.58
2 yr	31.15	32.63	33.77	33.77	34.78
3 yr	32.26	33.79	34.98	34.98	36.02
4 yr	33.37	34.96	36.18	36.18	37.26

Psychologist

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	55.07	57.69	59.70	59.70	61.50
1 yr	58.10	60.86	62.99	62.99	64.88
2 yr	61.12	64.02	66.26	66.26	68.25
3 yr	64.14	67.19	69.54	69.54	71.62
4 yr	67.18	70.37	72.83	72.83	75.02
5 yr	70.19	73.52	76.10	77.43	79.75

**Occupational Therapist,
Physiotherapist**

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	34.77	36.42	37.70	37.70	38.83
1 yr	37.18	38.95	40.31	40.31	41.52
2 yr	39.59	41.47	42.92	42.92	44.21
3 yr	42.00	44.00	45.53	45.53	46.90
4 yr	44.39	46.50	48.13	48.13	49.57
5 yr	48.20	50.49	52.26	53.17	54.77

**Audiologist, Psychometrist, MSW, Speech
Pathologist**

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	40.00	41.90	43.37	43.37	44.67
1 yr	42.18	44.18	45.73	45.73	47.10
2 yr	44.37	46.48	48.10	48.10	49.55
3 yr	46.57	48.78	50.49	50.49	52.00
4 yr	48.76	51.08	52.86	52.86	54.45
5 yr	50.96	53.38	55.25	56.22	57.90

**Technician 1 - Lab Aide/Clerk, Audio-Visual Assistant,
Darkroom Technician**

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	23.05	24.14	24.99	24.99	25.74
1 yr	23.90	25.04	25.91	25.91	26.69
2 yr	24.79	25.97	26.88	26.88	27.68
3 yr	25.66	26.88	27.82	27.82	28.65
4 yr	26.54	27.80	28.77	28.77	29.64

**Technician 2- Phlebotomist, Medical Records Technician,
Orthotic/Prosthetic Technician, Media Maker, OR
Technician, OT/PT Aide**

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	25.58	26.80	27.73	27.73	28.56
1 yr	26.54	27.80	28.77	28.77	29.64
2 yr	27.50	28.81	29.81	29.81	30.71
3 yr	28.47	29.82	30.87	30.87	31.79
4 yr	29.44	30.84	31.92	31.92	32.88

**Technician 3- Non-Certified EEG/EMG/ENG/ECHO
Technician, ECG Technician, Lab Assistant, Morgue
Attendant/Technician, Pharmacy Assistant**

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	27.30	28.60	29.60	29.60	30.49
1 yr	28.37	29.72	30.76	30.76	31.68
2 yr	29.39	30.79	31.86	31.86	32.82
3 yr	30.43	31.88	32.99	32.99	33.98
4 yr	31.48	32.98	34.13	34.13	35.15

Technician 4 - Non-Registered Technologist, Audio-Visual Technician, Dental Technician/Assistant, Technician (Cardio- Pulmonary, Audiology, Ophthalmic, Orthopaedic, Doppler Flow, Retinal Photographer)

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	30.39	31.83	32.95	32.95	33.94
1 yr	31.53	33.03	34.18	34.18	35.21
2 yr	32.68	34.23	35.43	35.43	36.49
3 yr	33.87	35.48	36.72	36.72	37.82
4 yr	34.99	36.65	37.93	37.93	39.07

Technician 5-Autopsy Master, Certified EEG/EMG/ENG Technician, Physical Fitness/Health Maintenance Worker

	1-Apr-21	1-Apr-22	1-Apr-23	1-Sep-23	1-Apr-24
Start	32.18	33.71	34.89	34.89	35.93
1 yr	33.41	35.00	36.22	36.22	37.31
2 yr	34.63	36.27	37.54	37.54	38.67
3 yr	35.84	37.54	38.86	38.86	40.02
4 yr	37.05	38.81	40.17	40.17	41.37

The following Letters of Understanding will be appended to all collective agreements:

Letter of Understanding #1 – Part-time Voluntary Benefits

If the local parties agree, the Hospital will provide part-time employees with the option of voluntary participation in any and all of the group health and welfare benefit programs set out in Article 20.01. It is understood and agreed that the part-time employees would pay the Hospital the full amount of the monthly premiums, in advance.

NOTE: Part-time voluntary benefits are not arbitrable in local negotiations.

Signed in Toronto this 12th day of May, 2022.

For Ontario Public Service
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Letter of Understanding #2 – Integration for the Delivery of Health Services

The Participating Hospitals and OPSEU are determined to minimize the adverse impact of integration on employees. The parties agree that a standardized approach to Human Resources Adjustment Planning should be used. For this reason, OPSEU and the Participating Hospitals support the development of provincial standards or principles as described in the Joint Hospital Industry Labour Management Council letter to the Ministers of Health and Labour, dated March 23, 2006.

For the purposes of this letter of understanding, the parties agree that “integrate”, “integration” and “health service provider” have the same meaning as defined in Bill 36, an *Act to Provide For The Integration Of The Local System For The Delivery Of Health Services*. Throughout this document, the words rationalization, consolidation or integration may be used interchangeably.

In the event of a rationalization of any part of the services of the Hospital with those of another hospital or hospitals, the Hospital and the Union agree to be guided by the following principles:

- (a) the Hospital shall notify affected employees and the Union as soon as a formal decision to rationalize or integrate is taken;
- (b) the Hospital shall provide the Union with pertinent financial and staffing information and a copy of any reorganization plans which impact on the bargaining unit related to the rationalization of services;
- (c) the Hospital and the Union shall begin discussions concerning the specifics of the rationalization forthwith after a decision to rationalize is taken;
- (d) as soon as possible in the course of developing a plan for the implementation of the rationalization, the Hospital shall notify affected employees and the Union of the projected staffing needs, and their location, which are anticipated to result; notice to affected employees and the Union shall include the estimated number and types of positions anticipated to be available, and their location, as the result of the rationalization;
- (e) if services in the Hospital are to be reduced or eliminated as the result of a rationalization, or if the employment of employees is otherwise to be affected, the Hospital shall prepare a list of the affected employees in order of seniority by jobs for which it considers such employees are eligible. This list will be updated to reflect any changes due to employees leaving or entering the unit;

- (f) if a rationalization is anticipated to result in a loss of employment for employees at another hospital by reason of the establishment of a new unit or department or the enlargement or extension of services at the Hospital:
- (i) in the period before a rationalization takes place, where a permanent vacancy occurs and has not been filled after Article 13.01 has been complied with, the vacancy shall be filled by the senior qualified employee of the other hospital who wishes to make an early transfer. An employee taking such a position shall be treated as a transferring employee and not as a new hire;
 - (ii) when the rationalization takes place, and when employees formerly employed by the other hospital or hospitals involved are transferred to the Hospital, such employees shall maintain their seniority dates and shall be placed on seniority lists at the Hospital accordingly. Thereafter they shall exercise seniority rights in accordance with this agreement. Following implementation of the rationalization, no employee who has been transferred to the Hospital shall suffer a reduction in wages. If the wage grid in effect at the Hospital does not correspond to the grid in effect at the hospital at which such employees were formerly employed, employees whose wages were not identical to a wage step on the Hospital's grid shall be moved to the next higher step. Where the transferring employee's salary exceeds the range maximum, the employee's salary will be red circled;
 - (iii) employees who have been transferred to the Hospital shall be subject to the benefit plans of the Hospital in the manner provided under the collective agreement. The retention, modification or abandonment of pre-existing grandfathered benefits and the provisions of the sick leave plans, to which employees who have been transferred to the Hospital were formerly subject, shall be negotiated between the Union and the Hospital. Employees who have been transferred to the Hospital shall retain their former level of vacation entitlement or shall be entitled to the level provided by this agreement, whichever is greater;
 - (iv) hours of work shall be those of the Hospital;
 - (v) an employee who has been transferred to the Hospital and who has not completed their probationary period at the Hospital where they were formerly employed shall receive credit for their service during such probationary period, and shall complete the balance of the probationary period required by this agreement. No new probationary period shall be served by an employee who has been transferred to the Hospital.

- (g) Employees who are relocated or transferred to another employer by the Hospital will retain their seniority and service at their original hospital for a twenty-four (24) month period. Employees relocated or transferred shall have the right to post for vacancies that arise, prior to or subsequent to the relocation or transfer, at their originating Hospital for that twenty-four (24) month period. If they are the successful applicant, they will return to the employ of the Hospital with seniority accrued and service intact but not accrued, for the period that the employee was relocated or transferred to another employer.
- (h) Nothing in the foregoing shall be deemed to limit or restrict the parties' rights and obligations under the *Labour Relations Act, 1995* or the *Act To Provide For The Integration Of The Local System For The Delivery Of Health Services* (Bill 36), as may be amended from time to time.
- (i) The parties may also wish to refer to the Service Rationalization/Employee Transfer Guidelines established by the Ontario Hospital Industry Labour Management Committee in 1986.

Signed in Toronto this 12th day of May, 2022.

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Letter of Understanding #3 – Additional Issues Appropriate for Local Bargaining

The parties agree that the issue of vacation payouts to part-time employees on pregnancy or parental leaves may be raised during local bargaining.

The parties agree that the matter of backfilling absences is an appropriate topic for discussion at the local level.

The parties agree that the issue of flexible scheduling arrangements is appropriate for discussion at the local level.

The parties agree that the issue of a paid rest period following a call-back is appropriate for discussion at the local level.

Signed in Toronto this 12th day of May, 2022.

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Letter of Understanding #4 – Re: Commitment to Equity, Diversity And Inclusivity

The parties agree that patient care is enhanced when the workplace environment is reflective of the communities it serves, and that the goal of all is to provide quality care and equitable outcomes for patients. To that end, the parties are committed to promoting a workplace of diversity, inclusion and where everyone feels valued. The parties are committed to a workplace that is inclusive of their diverse communities, including but not limited to Black, Indigenous, People of Colour (BIPOC) and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual and/or Agender, Two-Spirited and the countless affirmative ways in which people choose to self-identify (LGBTQIA2+).

The parties value the contributions of all staff in the hospital and recognize that discriminatory and oppressive acts can negatively impact staff. The parties are committed to making an equitable working environment that is inclusive for all patients and staff.

To support this commitment, where a committee or other hospital forum does not already exist, the local parties will endeavour in the first year of the Collective Agreement to establish a committee or other hospital forum. The committee or hospital forum will discuss and implement strategies, initiatives and training programs that enhances the workplace to promote in an effective and meaningful way an environment that encourages, supports, and celebrates equity, diversity and inclusivity for patients and staff. This committee or hospital forum will include at least one (1) representative selected or appointed by the Union from amongst bargaining unit employees and will meet on a frequency as determined by the committee or hospital forum.

Signed in Toronto this 12th day of May, 2022.

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Letter of Understanding #5 – Wage Standardization Committee

During the previous round of central bargaining, the parties agreed to establish a committee to examine the issue of standardization of non-central wage grids with the goal of making recommendations to their respective central bargaining committees in advance of the next round of central bargaining.

The parties were unable to complete the work of the committee during the last term of the collective agreement. As such, the parties will continue to meet during the term of this collective agreement with the goal of making recommendations to their respective central bargaining committees in advance of the next round of central bargaining.

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Appendix "A": Workload Alert Notification

In accordance with Article 6.07 and Article 6.08 of the collective agreement

This form is intended to appropriately identify employee concerns relative to their workload issues. This report form provides a tool for documentation to facilitate discussion and to promote a problem-solving approach.

Please be advised that the undersigned has cause to believe that they are being asked to perform more work than is consistent with proper patient care. A written response to this request is requested.

Note to Members and Stewards: Copies of any completed form should be retained by the member, their steward and further copies forwarded to the Local President, Department Manager, and Human Resources.

Where the local parties agree, this form will be made available in an electronic format.

Section 1: General Information			
Name of Employee(s) Reporting:	_____	_____	_____
	_____	Steward:	_____
Employer/site:	_____	Unit/Area/Program:	_____
Date of Occurrence:	_____	Time:	_____
Name of Supervisor:	_____	Date/Time Submitted:	_____

Section 2: Identify the specific risk issues to staff/patient care	
☐	Emergency Situation (will result in serious impact on patient in the immediate future)
☐	Urgent Situation (will result in serious impact on patient in future)
☐	Pressing Situation (could result in serious impact on patient in the immediate/foreseeable future)

Section 3: Contributing Factors

- ☐ Staffing Shortages _____
- ☐ Patient/Work Preparation Concerns _____
- ☐ Patient/Work Volume _____
- ☐ Equipment Concerns _____
- ☐ Other _____

Section 4: Details of Occurrence

Provide a concise summary of the occurrence (attach additional pages if necessary)

Check One:

☐ Is this an isolated incident?

☐ An ongoing problem?

Section 5: Employee Signatures

Signature: _____

Phone No.: _____

Signature: _____

Phone No.: _____

Signature: _____

Phone No.: _____

Date Submitted: _____

APPENDIX “B” – Participating Hospitals
49 PARTICIPATING HOSPITALS AND 59 BARGAINING UNITS
OPSEU CENTRAL BARGAINING – 2022

<u>Local</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Unit Type</u>	<u>B/U Description</u>
Local 106	Alexandra Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 106	London Health Sciences Centre	FT	Lab
Local 106	London Health Sciences Centre - VH site	FT	X-ray
Local 106	London Health Sciences Centre - VH site	PT	X-ray
Local 106	London Health Sciences Centre	PT	Lab
Local 106	London Health Sciences Centre - UH site	FT/PT	Techs
Local 106	St Joseph’s Health Care London	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 106	South Huron Hospital Association	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 132	Chatham-Kent Health Alliance	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 141	Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 145	Bluewater Health	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 159	St Thomas-Elgin General Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 206	Joseph Brant Hospital	FT/PT	Lab / DI
Local 206	Joseph Brant Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 206	St. Joseph’s Health Care Hamilton	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 215	Niagara Health System	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 215	Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehab Center	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 227	Headwaters Health Care Centre	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 231	Guelph General Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 239	Cambridge Memorial Hospital	FT/PT	Lab / DI
Local 260	Grey Bruce Health Service	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 275	South Bruce Grey Health Centre	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 275	Hanover & District Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 309	Ross Memorial Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 344	Northumberland Hills Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 346	Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre	FT/PT	Paramed / Lab

<u>Local</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Unit Type</u>	<u>B/U Description</u>
Local 346	Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre	FT/PT	DI
Local 347	Collingwood General & Marine Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 348	Lakeridge Health	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 348	Oak Valley Health – Uxbridge Site	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 348	Oak Valley Health – Markham Stouffville Site	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 367	Georgian Bay General Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 373	Peterborough Regional Health Centre	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 380	Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 383	Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 387	Southlake Regional Health Centre	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 388	Mackenzie Health	FT/PT	Lab
Local 402	Cornwall Community Hospital (Cornwall)	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 425	Brockville General Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 425	Kemptville District Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 461	Hawkesbury & District Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 466	Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital	FT	Paramed
Local 479	Royal Ottawa Health Care Group / Services de Santé Royal Ottawa	FT/PT	Parameds & Counsellors
Local 480	Quinte Healthcare Corporation	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 480	Quinte Healthcare Corporation	FT/PT	ACTT Team
Local 4106	Kingston Health Sciences Centre	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 570	Mount Sinai Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed / Lab
Local 570	Bridgepoint Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 583	Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 620	Sault Area Hospital (Unit A)	FT	Paramed / Lab
Local 620	Sault Area Hospital (Unit A)	PT	Paramed / Lab
Local 620	Sault Area Hospital (Unit B)	FT/PT	Parameds
Local 643	MICS Group of Health Services	FT/PT	Paramed / Med. Tech.
Local 643	Timmins and District Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 646	Temiskaming Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed

<u>Local</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Unit Type</u>	<u>B/U Description</u>
Local 659	Manitoulin Health Centre	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 662	North Bay Regional Health Centre	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 662	West Nipissing General Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed
Local 715	Thunder Bay Regional Hospital	FT/PT	Paramed

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LOCAL PROVISIONS

NIAGARA HEALTH SYSTEM

ARTICLE 34 - SCOPE AND RECOGNITION

34.01 All paramedical employees employed by the Niagara Health System save and except supervisors, persons above the rank of supervisor, students employed during a school vacation period, students on co-op work terms, interns, educators and clinical instructors and persons covered by subsisting collective agreements.

The term 'paramedical employees' includes Occupational Therapist, PPL (Professional Practice Leader) Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, PPL (Professional Practice Leader) Physiotherapist, Pharmacist, Radiology Technician, Radiology Technologist, Respiratory Technologist, Ultrasound Technician, Non-Registered Sonographer, Sonographer, Echo-Sonographer, ECG Technician, EEG Technician, EMG Technician, Dark Room Technician, Laboratory Technologist, Registered Technologist, Laboratory Technician, Laboratory Assistant, Pathological Technologist, PPL (Professional Practice Leader) Audiologist, Social Worker (MSW & BSW), PPL (Professional Practice Leader) Social Worker, Psychotherapist, Psychometrist, Cognitive Therapist/Psychometrist, Addiction Worker, Mental Health Worker, Dietician, Orthopaedic Technician, Registered Orthopaedic Technologist, Clinical Dietician, Child and Family Counsellor, Respiratory Therapist, Child Life Worker, Speech Pathologist, MRI Team Leader, MRI Technician, Cardiology Technician, NC Cardiology Technician, Speech Language Pathologist, PPL (Professional Practice Leader) Speech Language Pathologist, Registered Technologist-Nuclear Medicine and Paramedical Clinical Instructor, Cardiology Technologist, Chart Reviewer, Biomedical Technologist, Biomedical Technician, Biomedical Engineering Tech, Project Co-ordinator, Case Manager, Senior Technologist, Registered Technician, Histology/Surgical/Pathology Tech, CAT Scan Charge Technologist, MLT/Technician, Librarian, Librarian Resource Consultant, Charge Technologist, Phlebotomist, Recreational Therapist, Paramedical Clinical Leader, Eating Disorders Coordinator, Infection Control Practitioner, Anaesthetic Assistant, Senior Pathologist Assistant, Pathologist Assistant, Exercise Specialist, Ophthalmic Technician, Renal Technician, Physiotherapy Resident and Pharmacy Intern, Child Life Specialist, Professional Practice Leader-Respiratory Therapy, Care Coordinator Health Links, Project Coordinator-Recreation Therapy, Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP) Clinical Training Coordinator, Case Manager, Behavioural Support Ontario, Arts & Medicine Coordinator, Integrated Comprehensive Care Coordinator, Graduate Respiratory Therapist, Health Links Model Adopter.

ARTICLE 35 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

35.01 The Union recognizes that the management of the Hospital and the direction of working forces are fixed exclusively in the Hospital and shall remain solely with the Hospital. The Union therefore acknowledges that it is the exclusive function of the Hospital to:

- (a) maintain order, discipline and efficiency;
- (b) make, alter, and enforce rules and regulations to be observed by the employees;
- (c) hire, assign, direct, retire, transfer, discharge, promote, demote, classify, layoff, recall or suspend or otherwise discipline employees;
- (d) determine in the interest of efficient operation and the highest standard of service, job rating or classification, the hours of work, work assignment, methods of doing work, and the working establishment for any services;
- (e) determine the number of personnel required, the service to be performed and the methods, procedure and equipment to be used.

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

ARTICLE 36 - DEFINITIONS

36.01 A full-time employee is an employee who is regularly scheduled to work thirty (30) hours or more per week.

36.02 A regular part-time employee is an employee who works less than a full-time employee.

36.03 A casual employee is an employee who is not regularly scheduled to work but who is called in to work on an as needed basis.

ARTICLE 37 - REPRESENTATION & COMMITTEES

37.01 (a) Grievance Committee

The parties agree the Grievance Committee, as described in Article 6.02 of the central provisions, will consist of three (3) representatives from the Union, plus the Bargaining Unit President.

(b) Negotiating Team

The parties agree the Negotiating Team, as described in Article 6.04 (a) of the central provisions, will consist of six (6) members plus the Bargaining Unit President.

ARTICLE 38 - BARGAINING UNIT PRESIDENT

38.01 (a) An employee who serves as the Bargaining Unit President or designate shall be granted Hospital paid time of one hundred (100) days per year (based upon seven and one-half (7½) hour shifts). Where the Bargaining Unit President is not available for Local Union Business, the union will identify and provide notice to the Hospital of the designate in advance. The scheduling of such hours upon mutual agreement shall be pre-determined with the Hospital. In addition, these hours will not change an employee's status from part-time to full-time. For a full-time employee, these hours will not be in addition to the employee's normal hours of work. The scheduling of these shifts cannot be used to generate overtime or premium pay for the Bargaining Unit President or any other member of the Bargaining Unit.

(b) The Hospital will provide the Bargaining Unit President with a dedicated office with computer, access to a printer and voice mail access and a lockable filing cabinet.

ARTICLE 39 - SCHEDULING

39.01 (a) Overtime

Full-Time - The hours of work shall be averaged over a four (4) week period.
Part-Time - The hours of work shall be averaged over a two (2) week period.

Note: Overtime shifts shall be offered in order of seniority on a rotational basis.

(b) Posting Schedules

Work schedules will be posted a minimum of eight (8) weeks in advance inclusive of the current two (2) week period. Should a master schedule change, twelve (12) weeks' notice will be given to the Union and employees.

(c) Days Off

Full-time employees will receive days off in blocks of two (2) days.

(d) Consecutive Days Worked

By mutual agreement, in writing between the Hospital and an employee(s), such employee can be scheduled to work ten (10) consecutive days in a given two (2) week period and shall receive four (4) consecutive days off in the same two (2) week period.

(e) Time Off Between Shifts

- (i) Failure to provide the minimum twenty (20) hours off between the commencement of an employee's scheduled shift and the commencement of such employee's next scheduled shift shall result in payment of one and one-half (1½) times the employee's regular straight time hourly rate for only those hours which reduce the minimum hour period. This premium can be waived by mutual agreement between the Hospital and the employee.
- (ii) Employees after finishing three (3) or more midnight shifts should have at least forty-seven (47) hours off before the start of their next shift. Where such period is not provided the employee shall be compensated by payment of one and one-half (1½) times the employee's regular straight time hourly rate for only those hours that reduce the minimum hour period.
- (iii) Where the minimum period is reduced as a result of an approved change of shift(s) requested by the employee(s), such premium payment shall not apply.

(f) Lieu Time

(applicable to full-time employees only)

Where an employee has worked and accumulated approved overtime hours (other than premium hours related to paid holidays) or has accumulated hours for call back, then such employee shall have the option of electing payment at the applicable overtime rate or time off equivalent to the applicable overtime rate (i.e. where applicable rate is one and one-half times, then time off shall be at one and one-half times). Where an employee elects to bank the time, such time off must be taken within six (6) months at a time mutually agreeable to the Hospital and the employee. The maximum time that can be accumulated is thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours.

(g) Shift Exchanges

Employees requesting to exchange shifts must complete the form provided by the Hospital. The form will state the shifts to be exchanged and signed by both employees and is to be submitted to the manager or their designate for approval. Except in emergency situations such requests shall be made at least one (1) week in advance of the first shift to be worked. It is agreed that such changes in schedule shall not result in overtime or premium payment.

(h) Extra Shift

An extra shift is a shift resulting from unscheduled time off.

1. The hours will first be offered to part-time employees on a rotational basis, by seniority, until either; the opening has been filled, no part-time employee is available or all part-time have reached the maximum of seventy-five (75) hours in a two (2) week period without incurring overtime. Employees who will incur premium as a result of the failure to provide the minimum hours between shifts should be bypassed at this time.
2. If after Step one (1) no part-time is available then the shift shall be offered to casual part-time employees on a rotational basis by seniority.
3. Extra shifts will then be offered to 0.8 FTEs at straight time prior to the shift being offered as overtime, up to the point that the 0.8 FTE is at seventy-five (75) hours per pay period.
4. After Step three (3) additional shifts can then be offered to the RPTs who have agreed to waive the premium payment if hours between shifts are reduced by the twenty (20) hours written in the Collective Agreement.
5. Offer out to full-time as an overtime shift, then to RPTs who have not elected to waive the premium pay noted above.
6. The 0.8 FTE will remain on the overtime list but will only be offered shifts that will result in premium pay. Please note that a reduced hours FTE cannot turn down a shift at straight time only to accept the same shift at overtime in the rotation.

7. After steps one (1) through six (6) are exhausted volunteers can be sought to change their schedule outside of the existing timelines therefore creating a vacant shift on an alternate day. Then repeat steps 1 to 6 above.
8. If after all of these options have been tried, the junior RPT would be required to report to work.
9. The Hospital reserves the right in an emergency to offer the shift to the closest/fastest responding employee.
10. Where there are extra shifts that are awarded, the Hospital shall ensure that the information is accessible to the Union. Where there are any disputes arising as a result of extra shifts, employees should first seek verification from their Manager, or designate, who shall make that information accessible.

(i) Short Term Vacancies

A short-term vacancy is a vacancy expected to last not less than twenty-eight (28) calendar days up to six (6) months.

PROCESS TO ASSIGN SHORT TERM VACANCY WITHIN A DEPARTMENT:

- a) Each department will generate a seniority list of regular part-time employees and a seniority list of casual employees, which will be updated twice yearly, June and December. Employees transferring to a new department will be added to the short-term vacancy list according to their seniority at the time of the most current seniority list.
- b) A full-time short-term vacancy will be offered to regular part-time staff by seniority on a rotational basis. A regular part-time short-term vacancy will be offered to casual part-time staff by seniority on a rotational basis.
- c) Employees selected to fill a short-term vacancy will be subject to all articles of the collective agreement and other letters of understanding regarding hours of work and scheduling, for the accepted short-term vacancy.

(j) Definition of Weekend

For purposes of this Article, a weekend shift is defined as any shifts where the majority of hours fall between 2400 Friday and 2400 Sunday.

(k) Weekend Premium

(Applicable to full-time employees only)

The Hospital will endeavour to provide at least two (2) weekend(s) off in four (4). If an employee is required to work a third (3rd) consecutive weekend, the employee will be paid at the overtime rate for all hours worked on a third (3rd) consecutive weekend and any subsequent weekend until a weekend is scheduled off, save and except where:

- i. such weekend has been worked by an employee to satisfy specific days off requested by such employee, or
- ii. such employee has requested weekend work, or
- iii. such weekend is worked as a result of an exchange of shifts with another employee, or
- iv. any other reason as negotiated by the local parties and set out in the Local Provisions Appendix.

(applicable to regular part-time employees only)

Regular part-time employees who are required to work more than three (3) weekends in any five (5) week period shall be paid premium pay for the fourth weekend at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times unless the premium is waived by mutual consent. Regular part-time employees will not be scheduled to work three (3) weekends in a row.

It is agreed that the premium payment set out above will not be payable and the prohibition against scheduling up to three (3) weekends in a row is waived if:

- (i) such weekend has been worked by the employee to satisfy specific days off required by such employee; or
- (ii) such employee has requested weekend work; or
- (iii) such weekend is worked as the result of an exchange of shifts with another employee; or
- (i) such weekend is worked by a regular part-time employee during July and August.

Change of Schedule

If a change occurs with an employee's schedule after it has been posted, the employee shall be notified by the employer or designate, by phone (conversation, voicemail or text), or in person and advised of the specifics of the change.

- (I) Definitions for the day, evening and night shifts for the application of Shift Premiums referred to in Article 17.04 of the Central Agreement:

Day shift:	0700 to 1500 (7:00am – 3:00pm)
Evening shift	1500 to 2300 (3:00pm – 11:00pm)
Night shift	2300 to 0700 (11:00pm – 7:00am)

ARTICLE 40 - PAID HOLIDAYS

- 40.01** The Hospital proposes the following twelve (12) designated holidays, as provided for in Article 18.01 of the collective agreement. These designated days would apply to full and part-time, as provided for in Article 18. This list of designated holidays would be applicable to each calendar year. It is agreed that no employee will be entitled to more than twelve (12) holidays during a calendar year.

New Year's Day	Civic Holiday
Family Day	Labour Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Easter Monday	Remembrance Day (November 11)
Victoria Day	Christmas Day
Canada Day (July 1)	Boxing Day

- 40.02** To the extent possible work on holidays will be distributed as evenly as possible.

- 40.03** In order to allow vacation requests and to comply with Article 40.02, where to the extent possible, a full-time employee's weekend rotation may be altered. This will not result in any more total weekends scheduled for the employee and must not extend beyond an eight week period.

The Hospital shall endeavour that any such weekend rotation changes shall not include a weekend that is immediately prior to and/or immediately subsequent to any approved vacation request.

- 40.04** (Applicable to full-time employees only)

An employee required to work on any of the designated holidays will receive a lieu day off with pay in accordance with Article 18 of the collective agreement. Lieu days shall be granted and scheduled at a mutually agreeable time and such day must be taken within ninety (90) days after the holiday. In the event the lieu day is not taken the employer will alert the employee that the day must be taken or paid out.

ARTICLE 41 - VACATIONS

41.01 For purposes of the vacation request process, the vacation period shall be considered to be July 1 to June 30 of each year.

41.02 a) Full time employees receive their yearly vacation entitlement deposited to their vacation bank on July 1 each year. Employees are entitled to utilize their vacation immediately upon it being deposited into their vacation bank. Employees reaching a vacation milestone within the defined vacation year will have their additional week of vacation deposited at the start of the vacation year.

b) Employees who transfer from part-time to full-time status after the start of the vacation year:

- (i) Will have their part time vacation earnings, as per article 41.04, paid to them at the time of transfer to full time;
- (ii) Will receive their vacation entitlement for the partial vacation year calculated according to 19.01 and deposited at the time of transfer.
- (iii) It will be immediately available to utilize according to the vacation approval provisions of the collective agreement.

Newly hired full-time employees will receive a deposit of their vacation entitlement that has been prorated for the remainder of the vacation year.

c) Employees will continue to be able to carryover unused vacation into the subsequent vacation year(s).

d) Employees on a leave of absence greater than 30 calendar days will have their vacation entitlement calculated as per article 19.01(a) and deposited into their bank upon their return to work. Employees who take a leave of absence greater than 30 calendar days within a vacation year will have their vacation banks reconciled on June 30 to align with their entitlement as defined by article 19.01(a) and deposited into their bank upon their return to work.

e) When an employee leaves the organization before the end of a vacation year and they have taken more vacation than has been earned, these monies will be deducted from the employee's final pay. Any remaining balance, if any, will become a debt due and is payable to the Hospital effective the termination date.

41.03 Full Time and Part Time

Vacation preference lists shall be posted in two (2) vacation periods, Summer and Winter.

Summer Period (June 1 to November 30) – The manager will post a vacation request sheet no later than November 30. This request sheet will remain posted until January 1. The manager will post the approved vacation list by February 1.

Winter Period (December 1 to May 31) – The manager will post a vacation request sheet no later than August 1. This request sheet will remain posted until September 1. The manager will post the approved vacation list by October 1. Approved vacation will not be changed unless by mutual agreement.

Employees will be allocated their vacation in order of seniority to maximum of three (3) weeks during prime time. Prime time will be defined as the months of July and August, March Break and the last two (2) weeks of December. Managers may approve additional weeks of vacation during prime time once all employees have been given the opportunity. Reasonable requests for vacation will not be denied. For the purposes of clarity, requests for partial weeks or single days of vacation shall be considered a week for the pre-approved request for vacation process that occurs twice per year.

Once the vacation schedule has been posted, all other requests including during prime time will be approved on a first come, first serve basis. Notwithstanding the above, the Hospital will endeavour to approve or deny all other vacation requests within two (2) weeks of the date of request.

Vacation Request Sheet Posted	Vacation Period	Approved
November 30	June 1 – November 30	February 1
August 1	December 1 – May 31	October 1

41.04 Effective August 2015 accrued vacation pay for the year July 1 to June 30 for RPTs/Casuals will be paid out on the first pay date in the following August.

41.05 An employee who has successfully bid for a job posting under the job posting procedure who transfers from one (1) department to another and where vacation schedules have been completed for that vacation period, may not exercise his seniority rights for vacation purposes for that vacation period.

ARTICLE 42 - PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

42.01 Personal protective equipment/clothing, required by the Hospital, will be provided and maintained at the Hospital's expense.

ARTICLE 43 - BULLETIN BOARDS

43.01 The Hospital shall provide a bulletin board at each site for the posting of union notices. The Union will endeavour to have all such notices signed by the Site Administrator or designate prior to posting. If the bulletin board is to be removed from its current location, it will first be discussed at a meeting of the Labour-Management Committee.

ARTICLE 44 - PRINTING COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS

44.01 In an effort to reduce the environmental impact and the cost to both Parties, the collective agreement will be provided to all bargaining unit employees with access via URL link. The cost of the printing of the collective agreement, will be shared equally by both parties.

ARTICLE 45 - TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE

45.01 Where an employee is required by the Hospital to travel between sites, after the start of a shift but before the end of a shift, they will receive mileage from the Hospital at a rate established by Hospital policy or forty-five cents (.45) per kilometer whichever is greater.

45.02 Employees required to travel by the Hospital for the purpose of Hospital business will receive mileage at a rate established by Hospital policy or forty cents (\$0.40) per kilometer, whichever is greater.

45.03 In accordance with the central transportation allowance, an employee required to travel to the Hospital, or return to their home, as a result of being called back to work outside of the regularly scheduled hours will receive mileage at a rate established by Hospital policy or forty cents (\$0.40) per kilometer, whichever is greater.

45.04 Biomedical Technologists required by the Hospital to travel for business purposes will receive compensation for mileage at five cents (\$0.05) per kilometer more than either the rate established by the Hospital or forty cents (\$0.40) per kilometer, whichever is greater.

45.05 The Hospital will reimburse Biomedical Technologists up to a maximum of four hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$475) annually for additional insurance costs that are a result of being required to use their vehicle for work purposes. This payment will be assessed in October of each year upon presentation of satisfactory proof of such additional insurance cost. Payments will be made on a monthly basis through regular payroll.

ARTICLE 46 – PART-TIME SENIORITY LIST

46.01 Prior to posting the December seniority list each year, the Hospital will review the seniority hours accumulated for part-time employees to ensure that no employee accumulates greater than 1650 hours of seniority in the prior year. For any employee who has worked greater than 1650 hours within the previous year, the Hospital will adjust their seniority hours to reflect the maximum accumulation of 1650 hours per year.

ARTICLE 47 – TAX FORMS

47.01 The Employer will provide to bargaining unit members upon request Form T2200E for any expenses that are employment related.

ARTICLE 48 – UNIFORMS

48.01 Where uniforms are required, the Hospital shall provide a uniform allowance annually as a lump sum payment in December. The applicable uniform allowance is payable to all employees with full-time and part-time status effective December 1 of that year. The uniform allowance is paid out in December as follows:

- a) Full-time staff to receive one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars annually and,
- b) Regular Part-time and Casual staff to receive one hundred (\$100) dollars annually.

ARTICLE 49 – NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE

49.01 An employee must notify their immediate supervisor or designate on duty at least one and a half (1.5) hours prior to the commencement of their shift if on the day shift and at least six (6) hours if on the afternoon or night shifts. It is understood that shifts commencing up to and including 1100 hours are considered day shifts for the purpose of this provision. Unless a future return date or contact date has been established, it is the responsibility of the employee to notify their supervisor or designate in accordance with the above before each and every missed shift unless the severity of the employee's illness or injury prevents them from making such call.

When returning to duty from illness or injury the employee must notify her immediate supervisor or designate on duty of their return to duty at least six (6) hours before the start of an evening or night shift and by 1900 hours before the start of a day shift. A day shift is a shift that starts between 0500 and 1000 for the purposes of this provision.

Should the employee report on duty without providing such notice, the replacement arrangement will hold and the staff member will be asked to return home and they will not receive payment for that shift.

Signed at _____ Ontario this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #1

Between

Niagara Health System (the "Hospital")

And

Ontario Public Service Employees Union, Local 215 (the "Union")

RE: MULTI-SITE EMPLOYEES

An employee holding a full-time position within this Bargaining Unit cannot also hold a regular part-time position or be a casual employee within this Bargaining Unit. If this situation exists, the parties agree to meet with the employee and inform them of this prohibition and ask the employee which position they wish to retain.

An employee holding a regular part-time position within this Bargaining Unit cannot hold a second regular part-time position within this Bargaining Unit. If this situation exists the parties agree to meet with the employee and inform them that their current situation is grandfathered and should the employee give up one of their current regular part-time positions, then their grandfather exemption ends.

An employee holding a regular part-time position within this Bargaining Unit can work at additional site(s) where there is a need for additional casual employees identified by the Hospital. At this other site(s), the employee would be scheduled for additional hours after the schedule has been posted at the site where they hold a regular part-time position, provided that the schedule is posted in compliance with Article 39.01(b). For scheduling purposes, the employee will be scheduled like a casual part-time employee at the alternate site(s). The employee must submit their availability to the other site(s).

An employee within this Bargaining Unit cannot also work as a manager, work as a non-union employee or be a member of another Bargaining Unit at the Niagara Health System. If this situation exists, the parties agree to meet with the employee and inform them of this prohibition and ask the employee which position they wish to retain.

Signed at _____ Ontario this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #2

Between

Niagara Health System (the "Hospital")

And

Ontario Public Service Employees Union, Local 215 (the "Union")

RE: POSTING SCHEDULES

Where a unit or department posts schedules further in advance than the time period set out in the Collective Agreement and is planning to reduce the length of time in advance that schedules are posted, the Union will be contacted, and a meeting will be scheduled to explain the reasons for the change.

Signed at _____ Ontario this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #3

Between

Niagara Health System (the "Hospital")

And

Ontario Public Service Employees Union, Local 215 (the "Union")

RE: DELUXE TRAVEL INSURANCE

The Hospital will arrange for active full-time employees in the Bargaining Unit to have the option of participating in a deluxe travel benefit plan. The employees will be responsible for one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the premiums. The Hospital will deduct from participating employees' pay the cost of the premiums and remit to the insurer.

It is understood and agreed that this benefit is not part of the Hospital's health and welfare benefit plans for any reason under the Collective Agreement.

Signed at _____ Ontario this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #4

Between

Niagara Health System (the "Hospital")

And

Ontario Public Service Employees Union, Local 215 (the "Union")

RE: WEEKEND WORKER POSITION

Where the Hospital has determined that there is a need for a posted weekend worker position in a department, the parties agree to waive the weekend premium as per Article 39.01 (k) applicable to part-time employees. The parties further agree that when a weekend worker position is created the Employer will inform the Union at the Labour Management Committee.

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #5

Between

Niagara Health System (the "Hospital")

And

Ontario Public Service Employees Union, Local 215 (the "Union")

RE: MULTI-SITE ISSUES

The parties agree, in accordance with the Central multi-site article, on the following provisions:

- a) The Hospital will consider all of an employee's regularly scheduled hours worked at any of the Hospital's sites when determining whether an employee is full-time or part-time.
- b) If an employee is receiving different rates of pay at different sites of the Niagara Health System while working in the same classification, the employee will receive the higher rate of pay effective the date of ratification of this Memorandum of Settlement.
- c) An employee directly affected by a layoff will have the option of bumping the least senior employee in their same classification at any of the sites.
- d) That the reassignment of an employee to a vacant position is not a layoff. The Hospital will notify employees within the classification at the site where the reduction in the number of staff is occurring of the opportunity to take a reassignment to the vacant position. These employees will have four (4) days to consider the reassignment option and to put their name forward to Human Resources if they are interested. If more employees are interested in the reassignment opportunity than vacant positions are available, the most senior employee will be reassigned. If no employee expresses an interest in the reassignment, then the least senior employee in the classification at the site where there is a reduction in the number of employees will be reassigned. The employees remaining at a site or moving to the vacant position must be able to perform the available work.

- e) An employee with a full-time position cannot have another position with the Niagara Health System.

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #6

Between

Niagara Health System (the "Hospital")

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Ontario Public Service Employees Union, Local 215 (the "Union")

RE: MULTI-SITE EMPLOYER

The Hospital and the Union recognize that the Niagara Health System is one (1) employer with multiple sites. The parties agree that some circumstances may arise where it is necessary to realign services and staff to meet operational requirements. The parties agree that a change in work site is not a change of schedule, and that reasonable notice will be given of any change.

In a work area where it is deemed necessary to introduce a permanent change to rotate staff to multiple sites, the Hospital will meet with the OPSEU/SEFPO Multi-Site Committee to discuss the issues and work together to develop a plan that shall include, but not limited to, the Hospital's rationale for multi-site assignment of positions, the assignment of a home site as applicable, reporting mechanisms, how/whom to submit vacation requests, number of positions that are multisite, and what percentage of shifts will be assigned at the home site as applicable.

The Hospital will provide to the Union a copy of the master schedule that reflects the percentage of shifts assigned at the home site.

The Committee will work within the following guidelines to develop a plan for the specific work area.

1. Where the rotation of staff will affect only a portion of the employees in the department, the Hospital will offer the opportunity to staff on a seniority basis of those qualified to do the work. In the event that there are no volunteers, the most junior employee(s) will be assigned.
2. Where operational needs dictate in a specific department, the Hospital may combine casual lists to establish an NHS wide casual pool for the department. Such list will be created on a one time seniority basis and shifts shall be offered on a rotational basis.
3. Temporary vacancies will be filled in accordance with Article 13.01 of the Collective Agreement.

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #7

Between

Niagara Health System

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-and-

Ontario Public Service Employees Union (hereinafter referred to as
"OPSEU/SEFPO/SEFPO")

RE: FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) RATING PROCESS

The parties agree to form a joint committee for the purposes of assigning a full time equivalent (FTE) rating for all regular part time (RPT) OPSEU/SEFPO employees currently in an RPT role. The FTE rating will be based on operational needs and budget. The parties will consider an employee's historical schedule when determining the FTE rating.

The Hospital will post all vacant or new RPT positions with an FTE rating, effective the date of ratification.

The committee shall be comprised of three (3) Hospital representatives and three (3) OPSEU/SEFPO representatives. The committee shall meet within sixty (60) days of the date of ratification of the collective agreement and thereafter as required.

Time off for committee members to attend meetings of the committee shall be granted and their attendance at meetings shall be without loss of regular wages.

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #8

Between

Niagara Health System

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-and-

Ontario Public Service Employees Union (hereinafter referred to as
"OPSEU/SEFPO/SEFPO")

RE: SCHEDULING COMMITTEE

There parties agree to form a joint committee for the purpose of discussing scheduling issues.

The committee shall be comprised of three (3) Hospital representatives and three (3) OPSEU/SEFPO representatives. The committee shall meet within sixty (60) days of the date of the ratification of the collective agreement and thereafter as required.

Time off for committee members to attend meetings of the committee shall be granted and their attendance at meetings shall be without loss of regular wages.

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LOCAL WAGE SCHEDULE

April 1, 2022 – Additional 3.75% (Total 4.75%)

April 1, 2023 – Additional 2.50% (Total 3.50%)

April 1, 2024 – Additional 2.00% (Total 3.00%)

Wage Grid Adjustment

September 1, 2023 – 1.75% (applied to max rate)

Job Title	Effective Date MM/DD/YY	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9
Psychologist	04/01/22	57.69	60.86	64.02	67.19	70.37	73.52			
	04/01/23	59.70	62.99	66.26	69.54	72.83	76.10			
	09/01/23	59.70	62.99	66.26	69.54	72.83	77.43			
	04/01/24	61.50	64.88	68.25	71.62	75.02	79.75			
Senior Pharmacist	04/01/22	47.93	50.57	53.27	55.86	58.56	63.07			
	04/01/23	49.61	52.34	55.13	57.82	60.60	65.28			
	09/01/23	49.61	52.34	55.13	57.82	60.60	66.42			
	04/01/24	51.10	53.91	56.78	59.55	62.42	68.41			
Senior Infection Control Practitioner	04/01/22	48.21	49.41	50.65	51.92	53.21	54.54			
	04/01/23	49.90	51.14	52.43	53.74	55.07	56.45			
	09/01/23	49.90	51.14	52.43	53.74	55.07	57.44			
	04/01/24	51.40	52.67	54.00	55.35	56.72	59.16			
Pharmacist	04/01/22	53.84	55.17	56.57	57.98	59.41	61.97			
	04/01/23	55.73	57.10	58.54	60.01	61.49	64.14			
	09/01/23	55.73	57.10	58.54	60.01	61.49	65.26			
	04/01/24	48.21	50.85	53.55	56.18	58.87	64.50			
Senior Therapist - Speech Language Pathology	04/01/22	44.41	46.83	49.27	51.72	54.17	56.60			
	04/01/23	45.97	48.47	51.00	53.53	56.06	58.58			
	09/01/23	45.97	48.47	51.00	53.53	56.06	59.60			
	04/01/24	47.35	49.93	52.53	55.13	57.74	61.39			
Senior Therapist – Physiotherapy	04/01/22	38.62	41.28	43.97	46.66	49.30	53.54			
Senior Therapist - Occupational Therapy	04/01/23	41.50	44.26	47.04	49.82	52.55	56.94			
Professional Practice and Allied Health Educator	09/01/23	41.53	44.29	47.07	49.85	52.58	57.94			
	04/01/24	42.78	45.62	48.49	51.34	54.16	59.68			
Integrated Comprehensive Care Coordinator	04/01/22	42.46	44.77	47.11	49.45	51.77	54.09			
	04/01/23	43.94	46.34	48.75	51.18	53.58	55.99			
	09/01/23	43.94	46.34	48.75	51.18	53.58	56.97			
	04/01/24	45.26	47.73	50.22	52.72	55.19	58.67			

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Child & Family Counsellor Psychotherapist Psychometrist MSW Speech Language Pathologist	04/01/22	41.90	44.18	46.48	48.78	51.08	53.38			
	04/01/23	43.37	45.73	48.10	50.49	52.86	55.25			
	09/01/23	43.37	45.73	48.10	50.49	52.86	56.22			
	04/01/24	44.67	47.10	49.55	52.00	54.45	57.90			
Health Links Model Adopter	04/01/22	38.62	41.28	43.97	46.66	49.30	53.54			
	04/01/23	39.97	42.73	45.51	48.29	51.02	55.41			
	09/01/23	39.97	42.73	45.51	48.29	51.02	56.38			
	04/01/24	41.17	44.01	46.88	49.74	52.55	58.07			
Charge Respiratory Therapist Charge Technologist, Ultrasound Charge Technologist, MRI Charge Technologist, Echocardiographer	04/01/22	41.89	43.54	45.22	46.89	48.57	50.20	53.46		
	04/01/23	43.36	45.07	46.80	48.53	50.27	51.95	55.34		
	09/01/23	43.36	45.07	46.80	48.53	50.27	51.95	56.30		
	04/01/24	44.66	46.42	48.21	49.98	51.78	53.51	57.99		
Charge Technologist Charge Technologist, Laboratory Information Specialist (LIS) Charge Technologist, Dialysis Charge Technologist, Biomedical	04/01/22	41.89	43.54	45.22	46.89	48.57	50.20	51.90		
	04/01/23	43.36	45.07	46.80	48.53	50.27	51.95	53.72		
	09/01/23	43.36	45.07	46.80	48.53	50.27	51.95	54.66		
	04/01/24	44.66	46.42	48.21	49.98	51.78	53.51	56.30		
Occupational Therapist Physiotherapist	04/01/22	37.83	40.36	42.88	45.41	47.91	51.90			
	04/01/23	39.16	41.77	44.39	47.00	49.59	53.72			
	09/01/23	39.19	41.80	44.41	47.02	49.61	54.66			
	04/01/24	40.36	43.05	45.74	48.43	51.10	56.30			
Infection Control Practitioner	04/01/22	45.48	46.61	47.79	48.98	50.20	51.45			
	04/01/23	47.07	48.25	49.46	50.70	51.95	53.25			
	09/01/23	47.07	48.25	49.46	50.70	51.95	54.19			
	04/01/24	48.49	49.69	50.94	52.22	53.51	55.81			

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Anaesthetic Assistant	04/01/22	40.29	41.88	43.52	45.08	46.73	48.28	51.41		
	04/01/23	41.70	43.34	45.05	46.66	48.36	49.97	53.21		
	09/01/23	41.70	43.34	45.05	46.66	48.36	49.97	54.14		
	04/01/24	42.95	44.65	46.40	48.06	49.82	51.47	55.77		
Case Manager	04/01/22	40.05	42.24	44.43	46.65	48.83	51.02			
Care Coordinator Health Links	04/01/23	41.45	43.71	45.99	48.28	50.54	52.81			
Case Manager, Behavioural Support Ontario	09/01/23	41.45	43.71	45.99	48.28	50.54	53.73			
	04/01/24	42.69	45.02	47.37	49.73	52.06	55.35			
Senior Respiratory Therapist	04/01/22	39.63	41.20	42.81	44.35	45.97	47.50	50.58		
Senior Technologist, Ultrasound	04/01/23	41.01	42.64	44.31	45.90	47.58	49.17	52.35		
Senior Technologist, MRI	09/01/23	41.01	42.64	44.31	45.90	47.58	49.17	53.27		
Senior Technologist, Echocardiography	04/01/24	42.24	43.92	45.64	47.28	49.01	50.64	54.87		
Senior Technologist	04/01/22	39.63	41.20	42.81	44.35	45.97	47.50	49.12		
	04/01/23	41.01	42.64	44.31	45.90	47.58	49.17	50.84		
Senior Pathologist Assistant	09/01/23	41.01	42.64	44.31	45.90	47.58	49.17	51.73		
	04/01/24	42.24	43.92	45.64	47.28	49.01	50.64	53.28		
Arts & Medicine Coordinator	04/01/22	36.42	38.95	41.47	44.00	46.50	50.49			
	04/01/23	37.70	40.31	42.92	45.53	48.13	52.26			
	09/01/23	37.70	40.31	42.92	45.53	48.13	53.17			
	04/01/24	38.83	41.52	44.21	46.90	49.57	54.77			
Senior Therapist – Social Work (BSW)	04/01/22	38.94	41.07	43.22	45.37	47.47	49.63			
	04/01/23	40.30	42.51	44.73	46.96	49.13	51.37			
	09/01/23	40.30	42.51	44.73	46.96	49.13	52.27			
	04/01/24	41.51	43.79	46.07	48.36	50.61	53.83			
Chiroprapist	04/01/22	36.74	38.74	40.76	42.78	44.79	46.80			
	04/01/23	40.42	42.49	44.58	46.68	48.76	50.84			
Dietitian	09/01/23	40.46	42.53	44.63	46.72	48.80	51.73			
	04/01/24	41.68	43.81	45.96	48.12	50.26	53.28			
Respiratory Therapist	04/01/22	34.56	35.90	37.40	38.88	40.37	41.86	43.35	44.82	47.72
	04/01/23	37.21	38.60	40.15	41.69	43.23	44.77	46.31	47.84	50.84
	09/01/23	37.24	38.63	40.18	41.72	43.25	44.79	46.33	47.86	51.73
	04/01/24	38.35	39.78	41.38	42.96	44.55	46.14	47.72	49.30	53.28

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BSW Eating Disorders Coordinator Exercise Specialist	04/01/22	36.74	38.74	40.76	42.78	44.79	46.80			
	04/01/23	38.02	40.09	42.18	44.28	46.36	48.44			
	09/01/23	38.02	40.09	42.18	44.28	46.36	49.29			
	04/01/24	39.16	41.30	43.45	45.61	47.75	50.77			
Echocardiographer MRI Technologist Ultrasound Technologist Registered Sonographer	04/01/22	34.56	35.90	37.40	38.88	40.37	41.86	43.35	44.82	47.72
	04/01/23	35.77	37.15	38.70	40.24	41.78	43.32	44.86	46.39	49.39
	09/01/23	35.77	37.15	38.70	40.24	41.78	43.32	44.86	46.39	50.26
	04/01/24	36.84	38.27	39.87	41.45	43.04	44.62	46.21	47.78	51.77
Biomedical Technologist Pathologist Assistant Registered Technologist Registered Technologist, Dialysis Registered Technologist, Laboratory Registered Technologist, Nuclear Medicine Polysomnographer	04/01/22	34.56	35.90	37.40	38.88	40.37	41.86	43.35	44.82	46.32
	04/01/23	35.77	37.15	38.70	40.24	41.78	43.32	44.86	46.39	47.94
	09/01/23	35.77	37.15	38.70	40.24	41.78	43.32	44.86	46.39	48.78
	04/01/24	36.84	38.27	39.87	41.45	43.04	44.62	46.21	47.78	50.24
Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP) Clinical Training Coordinator	04/01/22	36.00	37.97	39.96	41.93	43.91	45.86			
	04/01/23	37.26	39.30	41.36	43.40	45.45	47.46			
	04/01/24	38.38	40.48	42.60	44.70	46.81	48.89			
Addiction Counsellor Child Life Specialist Eating Disorders Counsellor Recreational Therapist Project Coordinator, Recreation Therapy	04/01/22	33.71	35.00	36.27	37.54	38.81				
	04/01/23	34.89	36.22	37.54	38.86	40.17				
	04/01/24	35.93	37.31	38.67	40.02	41.37				

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Senior Lab Assistant	04/01/22	31.83	33.03	34.23	35.48	36.65				
	04/01/23	33.36	34.60	35.85	37.14	38.35				
	04/01/24	34.36	35.64	36.92	38.25	39.50				
Non-Registered Technologist (previously Non-Registered Sonographer)	04/01/22	31.83	33.03	34.23	35.48	36.65				
	04/01/23	32.95	34.18	35.43	36.72	37.93				
	04/01/24	33.94	35.21	36.49	37.82	39.07				
Doppler Flow Technician Non-Registered Orthopaedic Technician (grand parented) Ophthalmic Technician Pacemaker Technician Registered Orthopaedic Technologist (formerly Registered Orthopaedic Technician)	04/01/22	31.83	33.03	34.23	35.48	36.65				
	04/01/23	32.95	34.18	35.43	36.72	37.93				
	04/01/24	33.94	35.21	36.49	37.82	39.07				
Addiction Worker	04/01/22	28.94	29.94	30.95	31.96	32.98				
	04/01/23	32.00	33.04	34.08	35.13	36.18				
	04/01/24	32.95	34.02	35.09	36.18	37.26				
Lab Technician Lab Assistant ECG Technician EEG Technician	04/01/22	28.60	29.72	30.79	31.88	32.98				
	04/01/23	31.65	32.81	33.91	35.04	36.18				
	04/01/24	32.59	33.79	34.93	36.09	37.26				
Mental Health Worker Orthopaedic Technician (formerly Non-Registered Orthopaedic Technician) Renal Technician Morgue Attendant	04/01/22	28.60	29.72	30.79	31.88	32.98				
	04/01/23	29.60	30.76	31.86	32.99	34.13				
	04/01/24	30.49	31.68	32.82	33.98	35.15				
Phlebotomist	04/01/22	28.94	29.94	30.95	31.96	32.98				
	04/01/23	29.95	30.99	32.03	33.08	34.13				
	04/01/24	30.84	31.91	32.98	34.07	35.15				

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<i>Chart Reviewer Community Worker (Both positions Vacant)</i>	04/01/22	26.80	27.80	28.81	29.82	30.84				
	04/01/23	27.73	28.77	29.81	30.87	31.92				
	04/01/24	28.56	29.64	30.71	31.79	32.88				
Technician 1	04/01/22	24.14	25.04	25.97	26.88	27.80				
	04/01/23	24.99	25.91	26.88	27.82	28.77				
	04/01/24	25.74	26.69	27.68	28.65	29.64				
Pharmacist Intern	04/01/22	42.96								
	04/01/23	44.46								
	04/01/24	45.80								
Graduate Anaesthetic Assistant	04/01/23	39.61								
	01/04/24	40.80								
Graduate Occupational Therapist Physiotherapy Resident	04/01/22	35.94								
	04/01/23	37.20								
	04/01/24	38.34								
Graduate Respiratory Therapist	04/01/22	32.83								
	04/01/23	35.35								
	04/01/24	36.43								
Graduate ECG Technician	04/01/22	27.17								
	04/01/23	30.07								
	04/01/24	30.96								