# **Cross-facility floating**

Cross-facility floating to locations outside Virginia makes it possible for colleagues to help our patients at other Essentia hospitals. Colleagues can choose to float into roles they are qualified for when unique situations arise, such as unexpected illness or an emergency that impacts staffing demands.

## WHAT IT IS





Good for our patients

Adopted by other bargaining units



Completely voluntary

An opportunity to:

- help another team and community
- meet nursing colleagues from other locations

#### HOW IT BENEFITS PATIENTS AND STAFF

#### PATIENTS

If a significant number of nurses are out due to unexpected illness or PTO, it provides more resources to help ensure that patients continue to receive the high level of nursing care they receive from Essentia.



#### STAFF

You may have the option to pick up a shift at another Essentia location. This may occur after all the hospitals' normally scheduled staff are exhausted, but the patient care needs continue and the hospital needs your support.

Additionally, if the census at your facility is high or there is a staffing emergency, colleagues from other locations can support you.

### WHAT IT ISN'T

Nurses would be forced to work at Essentia hospitals outside Virginia

Nurses would work in an area where they are not qualified Roles and responsibilities would dramatically change None of this is true.



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