

## London Health Sciences Center – Victoria Hospital

London, Ontario

Operating Room

Manager – Shannon Bilodeau



I am proud to work at London Health Sciences Centre- Victoria Hospital, in the Operating Room! We have around 100 nurses (RNs & RPNs) working in 18 ORs completing adult & pediatric surgeries ranging from tonsils to abdominal aortic aneurysm repairs. The culture since COVID and even before COVID, has been strained. Working with a huge number of people there are bound to be some personalities that clash. Even despite the clashes, the nurses here are fantastic, the knowledge and skill sets are overwhelming. Due to COVID, the turnover rate has been exceptional this past year. We have brought new staff in included university students, and this requires an extensive training program delivered by our nurse educator and also involves so many of our staff nurses who volunteer to preceptor these new nurses working in a specialized environment. I think we are worth celebrating! We have lived through/are living through this pandemic, wear our N95 masks for all surgeries as they involve aerosol-generating intubation/extubation and some of our nurses have even been redeployed.