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Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 mandated a minimum of 5% reservations for persons with disabilities (PwD) across all government funded higher educational Institutions. Implementation of such provision without any exceptions could be challenging in a few areas like law enforcement, medical and nursing. Medical Council of India had revised its Graduate and Post graduate course admission eligibility criteria in 2019 to accommodate PwD having a disability in the range of 40-80%. In contrast, Indian Nursing Council (INC) allows "only" PwD having lower limb disability in the range of 40-50% disability. Through this article we have discussed the complex ethical and legal issues involved in the inclusive training of graduate nursing students under INC along with a few inclusive training models in a few other countries.

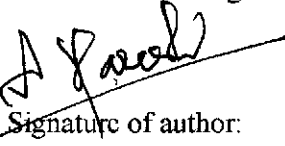
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