

**CHALLENGES OF STUDENTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES AT
BANGLADESH HEALTH PROFESSIONS INSTITUTE.**

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ABSTRACT

This study presents the challenges of the students with physical disabilities (SWPD) in Bangladesh Health Professions Institute (BHPI). BHPI is an academic institute of a well known NGO in Bangladesh named centre for the rehabilitation of the paralysed (CRP). In the BHPI there are some SWPD who have already completed their study and currently there are some SWPD . The study design was qualitative phenomenological study. The total number of both former and current SWPD is 39. Among these 39 SWPD six SWPD were selected purposively as the participants of the study. They were interviewed face to face by using a semi structured questionnaire. The findings report that the SWPD get discriminated by the staffs of the BHPI and CRP and they face difficulty to access classrooms. They do not have any socio economic or institutional challenge. It was suggested by the participants that BHPI may take step to sensitize the students and staffs of BHPI about disability. BHPI can also make ramp and lift to ensure accessibility of the SWPD.

Key Words: Students with physical disabilities, Bangladesh Health Professions Institute, Education of people with disabilities.