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Assessment of CPR-D skills of nursing students in two institutions: reality versus recommendations in the guidelines.

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Overview: Nurses working in one Finnish and one Swedish hospital displayed significant differences in the quality of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillation (CPR-D) skills. The purpose of this study was to use OSCE test in assessing guideline based CPR-D skills of newly qualified nurses.

Conclusion: CPR-D skills of the newly qualified nurses were clearly under par and were not adequate according to the resuscitation guidelines. Current style of teaching is unlikely to result in students being able to perform adequate CPR-D.