§ 407. Hospitals; privileges to students. 1. Whenever the person or persons having lawful control and management over any public hospital in any city or county in this state, shall grant to matriculated students of any legally incorporated medical college in said city or county, privileges of admission to such hospital for hearing clinics or lectures, or receiving medical or surgical instruction therein, the like privileges and advantages shall be granted to the matriculated students in each and all legally incorporated medical colleges in said city and county who may desire the same, without distinction or preference, and upon equal terms and conditions as to all.

2. Nothing in this section shall prevent the directors of such hospitals from limiting the attendance of students in such hospitals to a number compatible with the welfare of patients. But in such limitation they shall receive students from such legally incorporated medical colleges applying for such admission in proportion to the number of students in attendance upon such college.