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### History of the School

The School started on 3rd July 1967 with 30 students and this year 2014 has a population of 3,307 undergraduate and postgraduate students taught in Chiromo and Kenyatta National Hospital campuses. The School has 14 departments and thematic units with a vibrant faculty of 239 members of Academic Staff specialized in various fields.

Besides training, research and health policy formulation, it offers specialized service to patients in Kenyatta National Teaching and Referral Hospital - a 1800 bed level 6 Hospital, the largest in the regions.

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### [School of Medicine major milestones \[2\]](#)

Growth of Dental, Pharmacy from inception as departments at the Faculty of Medicine in 1974 to fully fledged Schools with diverse Undergraduate and Post-graduate Academic Programs in 1995.

Growth of department of Nursing sciences from inception as a department of Advanced Nursing in 1968 to fully fledged School with diverse Academic programs in 2006.

Development of long-term vibrant research collaborations and linkages; Universities of Manitoba Canada; Washington (USA), Maryland (USA), Ghent (Belgium); Oxford (UK) among others.

Initiation of KAVI; Currently hosting 1 of 3 HIV vaccine research laboratories in Africa & are the first site for phase 1 and 2 vaccine trials in Africa.

Elevation of department of community health to fully fledged school of public health in September 2010

Establishment of University of Nairobi Institute of Tropical and Infectious Diseases (UNITID), with an ultra-modern level III laboratory in 2003, the 3rd of its kind in Africa currently undertaking research and training geared towards management and control of infectious diseases, as well as emerging and reemerging pathogens especially the viral haemorrhagic fevers.

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