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## The first class of physician assistants from MSU will help address health care worker shortage

**Image 1:** John McGinnity, director of the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine Physician Assistant Medicine Program, speaks during the 2024 commencement for the first graduating class from the program. Photo courtesy of Steve Jessmore Photography.

**Image 2:** MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, or COM, Dean Joyce deJong and Scott Carlson, medical director and associate professor in the Department of Physician Assistant Medicine, congratulated each of the graduates at commencement. Photo courtesy of Steve Jessmore Photography.

**Image 3:** The 2024 class of PA Medicine students gathered for the program's first PA Medicine commencement from the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. Photo courtesy of Steve Jessmore Photography.

**Image 4:** All 32 students who were accepted into the first class of physician assistants at the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine graduated on Friday, Aug. 23, 2024. A majority of them will stay in Michigan to practice medicine in areas that are experiencing a shortage in health care providers. Photo courtesy of Steve Jessmore Photography.