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New Michigan State University programs make the top five nationally in their disciplines in the 2008 edition of America's Best Graduate Schools from U.S. News & World Report's annual survey. The programs are in the College of Education, College of Osteopathic Medicine, The Eli Broad College of Business, and the College of Natural Science.

The College of Education ranked 14th place overall for the third year in a row.

"We are very proud and pleased to be so highly regarded and ranked. Having eight graduate programs ranked in the top 10 nationally is quite a testimony to our faculty and the quality of our graduates," said Carole Ames, dean of the College of Education.

"The rankings also attest to the impact of this faculty's research in the field and the quality of our academic programs that prepare educators, educational leaders, and researchers."

The College of Osteopathic Medicine ranked fifth among all medical schools in primary care. The college was first among all osteopathic medical schools, which are ranked along with allopathic (MD) and osteopathic (DO) medical schools. The College of Veterinary Medicine was in the ninth spot and the College of Human Medicine was tied at No. 18 in primary care.

"We're delighted that since 2000 we've been the top-

ranking osteopathic college and in the top 10 percent of all medical schools nationally for primary care education," said William Scarpelli, dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine. "Ranking fifth this year maintains that status. As we plan our expansion to a satellite campus in southeastern Michigan, we will be implementing the same curriculum there."

The Eli Broad College of Business and The Eli Broad Graduate School of Management kept its position in the top 30 business schools, maintaining the 29th position. In a survey of peer deans and M.B.A. directors, the college's supply chain and logistics program once again was ranked second nationally, behind the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In a survey of academic department heads and directors of graduate studies at peer schools, MSU's nuclear physics program ranked second nationally, also after MIT.

MSU's graduate programs in chemistry and biological sciences leaped higher, ranking 5th (nursing), up from 42nd and 34th (nursing), up from 51st, respectively, while the College of Nursing was tied at 47 overall.

Each year, U.S. News & World Report ranks graduate programs in the areas of business, education, engineering, law, medicine and other fields.