

Join Michigan State University

Lead the Future of Forensic Pathology in Michigan



At Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM), our new Grand Rapids-based forensic pathology office is growing rapidly and opening doors to innovative programs, partnerships, and opportunities for leadership and impact.

The NAME-accredited medical examiner system serves Kent, Ottawa, and surrounding counties, and we're expanding our team of expert forensic pathologists dedicated to advancing public health, education, and justice. As part of a Big Ten, AAU-member research university, you'll join a mission-driven community that values discovery, teaching, and service. Collaborate with forensic anthropologists, pathologists, and public health leaders across MSU's statewide and global network.

Multiple Positions Available

Chief Medical Examiner / Forensic Pathologist

- Oversee medicolegal operations for Kent & Ottawa Counties.
- Ensure NAME accreditation and program excellence.
- Build and direct MSU's Forensic Pathology Fellowship.
- Teach and mentor medical students, residents, and fellows.
- Strengthen statewide and national partnerships in forensic and public health practice.
- Compensation: \$350,000 – \$375,000 base + leadership stipend + relocation + CME + full MSU benefits

Deputy Medical Examiner/ Forensic Pathologist

- Conduct autopsies and medicolegal death investigations.
- Teach and participate in scholarly and clinical training.
- Collaborate with a strong, multidisciplinary academic team.
- Opportunities for leadership development
- Compensation: \$270,000 – \$305,000 base + relocation + CME + full MSU benefits.

Why Michigan State University?

- Academic appointment with research & teaching opportunities
- Modern facility with advanced imaging and diagnostic tools
- Collaborative environment spanning medicine, public health, and law
- Affordable, vibrant Grand Rapids lifestyle
- A mission grounded in service, discovery, and community well-being

Life in Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids offers the best of both worlds—urban energy with small-town affordability. Named one of the Top 10 U.S. Cities for Quality of Life, it features award-winning hospitals, vibrant arts and dining, top schools, and easy access to Lake Michigan beaches and trails. Here, you'll find space to grow, lead, and thrive.

How to Apply

Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

Please submit:

- A cover letter describing your interest and experience.
- A current curriculum vitae (CV).
- Send electronically to: COM.hr@msu.edu

To learn more about the position on a more casual basis, email or text message Joyce deJong, D.O. (517)896-8787 or dejongj@msu.edu