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Group: Job Future Could Be 'Mid-Skill' Occupations

A new jobs forecast says the middle of the next decade will see a demand of what are called "middle-skill" jobs in Illinois. The Workforce Alliance Skills2Compete program has put out a report saying job seekers in 2016 will need more than a high school diploma -- but could add, for example, apprenticeships or technical certifications to meet that demand.

Rachel Unruh, national campaign director for Skills2Compete, says there should be openings in green energy, health care and construction, and suggests people use the current economic slump to get training in one of those fields.

She says a four-year college degree is needed for some careers but also is a byproduct of a "one size fits all" model that no longer fits.

On the Web:

www.skills2compete.org/Illinois

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