JOBS OF THE FUTURE

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, many of the jobs of the future will require more than a high school diploma but less than a bachelor's degree. The following chart shows the projected growth in the 15 fastest-growing job categories, broken down by their educational requirements.

JOB	NUMBER, 2004	NUMBER,2014	PERCENT INCREASE	REQUIRED EDUCATION
1. Home Health Aide	624,000	974,000	56	Short-term Training
2. Systems Analyst	231,000	357,000	54.6	Bachelor's Degree
3. Medical Assistant	387,000	589,000	52.1	Short-term Training
4. Physician Assistant	62,000	93,000	49.6	Bachelor's Degree
5. Software Engineer	460,000	682,000	48.4	Bachelor's Degree
6. Physical Therapy Assistant	59,000	85,000	44.2	Associate Degree
7. Dental Hygienist	158,000	226,000	43.4	Associate Degree
8. Systems Engineer	340,000	486,000	43	Bachelor's Degree
9. Dental Assistant	267,000	382,000	42.7	Moderate-term Training
10. Home Care Aide	701,000	988,000	41	Short-term Training
11. Network Administrator	278,000	385,000	38.4	Bachelor's Degree
12. Database Administrator	104,000	144,000	38.2	Bachelor's Degree
13. Physical Therapist	155,000	211,000	36.7	Master's Degree
14. Forensic Science Tech.	10,000	13,000	36.4	Associate Degree
15. Veterinary Technician	60,000	81,000	35.3	Associate Degree

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