Will your Computer Science degree lead to a job?

Dr. Ann Gates, head of the computer science program at the University of Texas at El Paso, says many college students think that outsourcing has diminished the number of IT jobs. On the contrary, opportunities are there, she says. She points to a study released by Fortune magazine in March 2005 that showed that by 2012 network systems and datacom analyst jobs are likely to increase by 41.9 percent, database administrator opportunities by 33.1 percent, and software engineering positions by 27.8 percent.

The result of the misconception is that companies are now seeing a shortage of new-grad applicants. "Companies are getting concerned. The jobs are there, but they're worried they won't have enough people to fill them," Gates says.

Will a job in Computer Science pay well?

“Our students are highly recruited. One of my seniors just got offered close to $75,000 to go to Microsoft. General Dynamics and IBM are also big employers of our students." Ann Gates, University of Texas at El Paso, Computer Science Department

Below is a list of best college degrees by salary to see which majors tend to lead to high-paying jobs according to www.payscale.com/best-colleges, June 10, 2009