

DULUTH--The best job opportunities in the next decade will be in those areas requiring the most education and training, a government labor official said at UMD Thursday.

On the other hand, 50 per cent more 18-year-olds will be ready for work in five years than there are now, Dr. Helen Wood warned.

The chief of the Labor Department's Branch of Occupational Outlook lectured in connection with the UMD Guidance Institute on talented youth, now in its third week.

She challenged educators and counselors with correlating the "supply and demand"---of training the job force with an eye to job openings.

Absorbing the huge job force expected in the '60s will be eased somewhat by a movement of younger workers into higher-level positions, she said, due to an only moderate increase in the number of middle-aged workers.

Construction, finance, trade and government services are expected to offer the largest job markets. These openings will occur in large part because of the very population growth that will furnish workers.

Dr. Wood said that in this technological age more than double the current number of scientists will be employed by 1975.

Though artisans are being replaced by machines, she noted that there is a new demand for skilled mechanics to install and repair those machines.

Stiff competition for jobs requires that counselors prepare students carefully with occupational information and guidance, she concluded.