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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CAREER EDUCATION CORP
[CECO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/13/2011

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
SVP

CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION, 2895 GREENSPPOINT PARKWAY - SUITE 600

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60195

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/13/2011 | | F | | 3,006 (1) | D | \$ 21.96 51,811 D |
| Common Stock | 03/13/2011 | | F | | 6,011 (1) | D | \$ 21.96 45,800 D |
| Common Stock | 03/14/2011 | | A | | 8,726 (2) | A | \$ 0 54,526 D |
| Common Stock | 03/14/2011 | | A | | 4,988 (2) | A | \$ 0 59,514 D |

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 21.8 | 03/14/2011 | | A | 27,196 | (3) 03/13/2021 | Common Stock | 27,196 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ayers Jeffrey David CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION 2895 GREENSPPOINT PARKWAY - SUITE 600 HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60195 | | | | SVP |

Signatures

Jeffrey David
Ayers
Date: 03/16/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Reflects shares of common stock surrendered to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with vesting of restricted stock.
- (2) This grant of restricted stock was approved by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors on March 14, 2011. This number represents the maximum number of shares that could become vested assuming full satisfaction of all vesting requirements.
- (3) Exercisable in four equal annual installments on each of March 14, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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