

Tober Stephen
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(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)
 CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION, 231 N. MARTINGALE ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/09/2012

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

SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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. 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 | 03/09/2012 | | D | | 2,585 (1) | D | \$ 0 51,788 D |
| Common Stock | 03/09/2012 | | D | | 20,018 (1) | D | \$ 0 31,770 D |
| Common Stock | 03/09/2012 | | D | | 5,170 (1) | D | \$ 0 26,600 D |
| Common Stock | 03/09/2012 | | D | | 21,024 (2) | D | \$ 0 5,576 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) | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 8.63 | 03/09/2012 | | D | | 12,740 (3) | | (4) | 03/01/2022 ⁽⁵⁾ | Common Stock | 1 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 26.15 | 03/09/2012 | | D | | 1,227 (3) | | (4) | 02/24/2019 ⁽⁵⁾ | Common Stock | 1 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 29.02 | 03/09/2012 | | D | | 7,048 (3) | | (4) | 03/02/2020 ⁽⁵⁾ | Common Stock | 7 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION
231 N. MARTINGALE ROAD
SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173

SVP

Signatures

By: Gail Rago, pursuant to POA For: Stephen J Tober

03/12/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Reflects forfeiture of restricted stock in connection with Reporting Person's separation from the Company.
- (2) Reflects forfeiture of restricted stock units in connection with Reporting Person's separation from the Company or Reporting Person elected to forfeit the award for no consideration.
- (3) Reflects forfeiture of unvested stock options in connection with Reporting Person's separation from the Company or Reporting Person elected to forfeit the award for no consideration.
- (4) Exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (5) Expiration date is the original option expiration date; however, pursuant to the terms thereof, any options remaining outstanding will expire 30 days from Reporting Person's separation from the Company.

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