

MCCULLOUGH GARY E

Form 4

March 16, 2011

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MCCULLOUGH GARY E

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, 2895  
GREENSPPOINT PARKWAY -  
SUITE 600

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

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
Pres, CEO

(Street)

HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60195

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

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

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/13/2011		F	(A) or (D) D	Amount (1) 12,266 \$ 21.96	Price 378,456	D
Common Stock	03/13/2011		F	(A) or (D) D	Amount (1) 31,678 \$ 21.96	Price 346,778	D
Common Stock	03/14/2011		A	(A) or (D) A	Amount (2) 101,071 \$ 0	Price 447,849	D

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nun Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.8	03/14/2011		A		157,512		<u>(3)</u>	03/13/2021	Common Stock	15

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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2895 GREENSPPOINT PARKWAY - SUITE 600  
HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60195

X

Pres, CEO

## Signatures

By: Jeffrey D. Ayers, by Power of Attorney For: Gary E.  
McCullough

03/16/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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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