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FORM 4

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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 *
 Snyder Edward A

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)
 02/20/2009

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

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
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169

(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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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)

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| 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) | Amount or Number of S |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | |
| Stock Option | \$ 13.67 | 03/20/2008 | | D ⁽¹⁾ | 18,000 | ⁽²⁾ 03/19/2018 ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock | 18,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 13.67 | 02/20/2009 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 18,000 | ⁽²⁾ 03/19/2018 ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock | 18,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 18.64 | 05/13/2008 | | D ⁽¹⁾ | 24,000 | ⁽³⁾ 05/12/2018 ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock | 24,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 18.64 | 02/20/2009 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 24,000 | ⁽³⁾ 05/12/2018 ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock | 24,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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 CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION
 2895 GREENSPOINT PARKWAY, SUITE 600
 HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169

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Signatures

/s/ Gail B. Rago, as
 attorney-in-fact

02/20/2009

**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) Amendment of outstanding options to provide for an extended exercise period following cessation of services as a director, which may result in a deemed cancellation of the option and the grant of a replacement option.
- (2) Immediately exercisable as to 6,000 of the underlying shares of Common Stock and exercisable as to 6,000 of the remaining underlying shares on each of March 20, 2009 and 2010.
- (3) Immediately exercisable as to 8,000 of the underlying shares of Common Stock and exercisable as to 8,000 of the remaining underlying shares on each of May 13, 2009 and 2010.

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