

O'Sullivan Colleen M
Form 4
September 14, 2012

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
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
O'Sullivan Colleen M

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)
09/12/2012

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

SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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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	09/12/2012		A	(1) 13,083	(2) 63,016.5419	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)**

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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	5. Number of Derivative Securities (Instr. 8) 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.79	09/12/2012		A	7,929	<u>(3)</u> 09/11/2022	Common Stock 7,92

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
O'Sullivan Colleen M CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION 231 N. MARTINGALE ROAD SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173			SVP, CFO	

Signatures

By: Jeffrey D. Ayers Power of Attorney For: Colleen M.
O'Sullivan 09/14/2012

____Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted stock units granted pursuant to the Career Education Corporation 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan, with each restricted stock unit representing a contingent right to receive one share of common stock. Each restricted stock unit shall vest on September 12, 2015.
- (2) Includes 33,839 restricted stock units, with each restricted stock unit representing a contingent right to receive one share of common stock. These restricted stock units vest on various dates through September 12, 2015.
- (3) Exercisable in four equal installments on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date.

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