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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 *
 Wheaton Jeremy J

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)
 03/14/2011

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 CEO of CTU

(Street)
 HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60195

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)
Common Stock	03/14/2011		A	(A) or (D) 5,559 <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 15,480.2894	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2011		A	(A) or (D) 3,176 <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 18,656.2894	D	

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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. Title	9. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.8	03/14/2011		A	17,328	(2) 03/13/2021	Common Stock	17,328	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wheaton Jeremy J CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION 2895 GREENSPPOINT PARKWAY - SUITE 600 HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60195			CEO of CTU	

Signatures

By: Jeffrey D. Ayers, by Power of Attorney For: Jeremy J. Wheaton
Date: 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) 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.
- (2) Exercisable in four equal annual installments on each of March 14, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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