

CAREER EDUCATION CORP
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Â Budlong Thomas G
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement
 (Month/Day/Year)
 08/31/2007

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CAREER EDUCATION CORP [CECO]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

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

CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION,Â 2895 GREENSPPOINT PARKWAY, SUITE 600
 (Street)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 __X__ Officer ____ Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 Sr.VP, Org. Eff. and Admin.

HOFFMAN ESTATES,Â ILÂ 60169
 (City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 __X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	50	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)
		Title			

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Budlong Thomas G CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION 2895 GREENSPPOINT PARKWAY, SUITE 600 HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169	Â	Â	Â Sr.VP, Org. Eff. and Admin.	Â

Signatures

Thomas G. Budlong 08/31/2007

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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