

PESCH PATRICK K  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
PESCH PATRICK K

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)  
2895 GREENSPPOINT  
PARKWAY, SUITE 600  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/22/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Exec. VP and CFO

HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/22/2006		M		128,000 A \$ 3,3594	171,100	D
Common Stock	12/22/2006		M		60,000 A \$ 6	231,100	D
Common Stock	12/22/2006		S		188,000 D \$ 24.85	43,100	D
Common Stock						12,800	I

See footnote (1)

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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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.3594	12/22/2006		M	128,000	09/10/2004 09/09/2009	Common Stock 128,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6	12/22/2006		M	60,000	06/28/2004 06/27/2010	Common Stock 60,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PESCH PATRICK K 2895 GREENSPOINT PARKWAY SUITE 600 HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169	X		Exec. VP and CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ Patrick K. Pesch 12/26/2006

\*\*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) 8,800 shares held indirectly by wife. 4,000 shares held indirectly by Robert Pesch Memorial Trust dated October 23, 1998, for which Mr. Pesch serves as Co-Trustee.

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