

Thornton Leslie T
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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 Thornton Leslie T

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/22/2005

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

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

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

DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN
& OSHINSKY LLP,Â 2101 L
STREET, N.W.

(Street)

WASHINGTON,Â DCÂ 20037

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
☒ 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)

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)

Date
Exercisable

Expiration
Date

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

Title

Amount or
Number of

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security

5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	12/21/2005	Common Stock	24,000	\$ 32.91	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Thornton Leslie T DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN & OSHINSKY LLP 2101 L STREET, N.W. WASHINGTON,Â DCÂ 20037	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Leslie T.
Thornton

12/28/2005

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 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 December 22, 2006 and 2007.

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