

CAREER EDUCATION CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 17, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): February 17, 2010

**Career Education Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
  
of Incorporation)

**0-23245**  
(Commission  
  
File Number)

**36-3932190**  
(IRS Employer  
  
Identification No.)

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2895 Greenspoint Parkway, Suite 600,

Hoffman Estates, IL  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60169  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (847) 781-3600

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 17, 2010, Career Education Corporation (the Registrant) issued a press release to report the Registrant's financial results for the quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 and to announce that on February 16, 2010, the Registrant's Board of Directors authorized an additional \$250 million to repurchase outstanding shares of its common stock under the Registrant's stock repurchase program. This is in addition to the \$155.5 million still available under Registrant's previously authorized stock repurchase program. Stock repurchases under this program may be made on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions from time to time, depending on factors including market conditions and corporate and regulatory requirements. The stock repurchase program does not have an expiration date and may be suspended or discontinued at any time.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and the information contained therein is incorporated herein by reference. The information contained in Item 2.02 to this Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the information shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

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99.1	Press release of Registrant dated February 17, 2010, reporting the Registrant's financial results for the quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION

By: /s/ Michael J. Graham  
Michael J. Graham  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

Dated: February 17, 2010

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