

CAREER EDUCATION CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 15, 2008

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**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 11, 2008**

**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.)

**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))

- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act  
(17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On February 12, 2008, Career Education Corporation (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing, among other things, the departure of Stephen C. Fireng, as the Company's Group President, Art & Design and University Divisions. The effective date of Mr. Fireng's separation from employment was February 11, 2008. The press release also described the Company's plans to implement a company-wide restructuring as part of its long-term growth strategy. A copy of the Company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1, and the information contained therein is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibit

**Exhibit**

**Number**

**Description of Exhibit**

99.1 Press release of the Company, dated February 12, 2008, announcing the Company's plans to implement a company-wide restructuring as part of its long-term growth strategy.

**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 14, 2008