HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP Form SC 13G/A February 17, 2009

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 3)*

CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, \$0.01 PAR VALUE

(Title of Class of Securities)

141665109

(CUSIP Number)

DECEMBER 31, 2008

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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(however, see the Notes).

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1. NAMES OF R	EPORTING PERSONS		
I.R.S. IDENTI	FICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSO	NS (ENTITIES ONLY)	
High 2. CHECK THE	ifields Capital Management Ll APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER	P OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUC	TIONS)
(b) x 3. SEC USE ONI	.Y		
4. CITIZENSHIP	OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION		
Dela	ware 5. SOLE VOTING POWER		
NUMBER OF SHARES	0 6. SHARED VOTING POWER		
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH	0 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
REPORTING PERSON WITH	0 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POW	ER	
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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

0.0%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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NAMES OF REPORTING	G PERSONS		
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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PL	ACE OF ORGANIZATION		
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NUMBER OF SHARES 6. BENEFICIALLY	0 SHARED VOTING POWER		
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2. CHECK THE (a) "	APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBE	R OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCT	ΓΙΟΝS)
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OWNED BY EACH	0 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWE	ER	
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(b) x 3. SEC USE ONLY			
4. CITIZENSHIP OI	R PLACE OF ORGANIZATION		
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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY	0 6. SHARED VOTING POWER		
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REPORTING PERSON WITH	0 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POW	/ER	
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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

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Item 1 (a). Name of Issuer:

Career Education Corporation (the Issuer)

Item 1 (b). Address of Issuer s Principal Executive Offices:

2895 Greenspoint Parkway, Suite 600, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169

Item 2 (a). Name of Person Filing:

This statement is being filed by the following persons with respect to the shares of common stock (Common Stock) of the Issuer directly owned by Highfields Capital I LP (Highfields I), Highfields Capital II LP (Highfields II) and Highfields Capital III L.P. (Highfields III and, together with Highfields I and Highfields II, the Funds):

- (i) Highfields Capital Management LP, a Delaware limited partnership (Highfields Capital Management) and investment manager to each of the Funds;
- (ii) Highfields GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Highfields GP) and the General Partner of Highfields Capital Management;
- (iii) Highfields Associates LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Highfields Associates) and the General Partner of the Funds;
- (iv) Jonathon S. Jacobson, a Managing Member of Highfields GP and a Senior Managing Member of Highfields Associates;
- (v) Richard L. Grubman, a Managing Member of Highfields GP and a Senior Managing Member of Highfields Associates;
- (vi) Highfields I, a Delaware limited partnership;
- (vii) Highfields II, a Delaware limited partnership; and
- (viii) Highfields III, an exempted limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands.

Highfields Capital Management, Highfields GP, Highfields Associates, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Grubman, Highfields I, Highfields II and Highfields III are sometimes individually referred to herein as a Reporting Person and collectively as the Reporting Persons.

Item 2 (b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

Address for Highfields Capital Management, Highfields GP, Highfields Associates,

Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Grubman, Highfields I and Highfields II:

c/o Highfields Capital Management LP

John Hancock Tower

200 Clarendon Street, 59th Floor

Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Address for Highfields III:

c/o Goldman Sachs (Cayman) Trust Limited

Suite 3307, Gardenia Court

45 Market Street, Camana Bay

P.O. Box 896

Grand Cayman KY1-1103

Cayman Islands

Item 2 (c). Citizenship:

Highfields Capital Management Delaware

Highfields GP Delaware

Highfields Associates Delaware

Jonathon S. Jacobson United States

Richard L. Grubman United States

Highfields I Delaware

Highfields II Delaware

Highfields III Cayman Islands

Item 2 (d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

Item 2 (e). CUSIP Number:

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Item 3. Not applicable.

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Item 4. Ownership.

For Highfields Capital Management, Highfields GP, Highfields Associates, Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Grubman:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:
 - 0 shares of Common Stock
- (b) Percent of class:

0.0%

- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

0

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

0

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

0

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

0

For Highfields I:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:
 - 0 shares of Common Stock
- (b) Percent of class:

0.0%

- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

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(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

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(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

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(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

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For Highfields II:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:
 - 0 shares of Common Stock
- (b) Percent of class:

0.0%

- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

0

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

0

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

0

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

0

For Highfields III:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:
 - 0 shares of Common Stock
- (b) Percent of class:

0.0%

- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

0

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

0

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

0

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

0

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Yes.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

See Exhibit 2 attached hereto.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 17, 2009 Date

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP

By: Highfields GP LLC, its General Partner

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS GP LLC

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS ASSOCIATES LLC

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory Name/Title

JONATHON S. JACOBSON

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella Signature

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RICHARD L. GRUBMAN

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL I LP

By: Highfields Associates LLC, its General Partner

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL II LP

By: Highfields Associates LLC, its General Partner

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL III L.P.

By: Highfields Associates LLC, its General Partner

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella Signature

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Exhibit 1. Joint Filing Agreement as required by Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended

Exhibit 2. List of Members of Group

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Exhibit 1

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(k)(1)

The undersigned acknowledge and agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13G/A is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13G/A shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint filing statements. The undersigned acknowledge that each shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him, her or it contained herein, but shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the other entities or persons, except to the extent that he, she or it knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

February 17, 2009 Date

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP

By: Highfields GP LLC, its General Partner

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS GP LLC

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS ASSOCIATES LLC

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella Signature

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JONATHON S. JACOBSON

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory Name/Title

RICHARD L. GRUBMAN

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL I LP

By: Highfields Associates LLC, its General Partner

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL II LP

By: Highfields Associates LLC, its General Partner

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL III L.P.

By: Highfields Associates LLC, its General Partner

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella Signature

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Exhibit 2

Members of Group

Highfields Capital Management LP

Highfields GP LLC

Highfields Associates LLC

Jonathon S. Jacobson

Richard L. Grubman

Highfields Capital I LP

Highfields Capital II LP

Highfields Capital III L.P.