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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" Rule 13d-1(b)

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1. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Highfields Capital Management LP

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) "

(b) x

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF

 SHARES
 6.
 SHARED VOTING POWER

 BENEFICIALLY
 0

 OWNED BY
 0

 EACH
 7.

 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

 REPORTING

 PERSON
 8.

 WITH

0

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

0

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

0.0% 12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES 6. SHARED VOTING POWER BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER REPORTING PERSON 8. O SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0 9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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Highfields Associates LLC

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1. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

NUMBER OF 0 SHARES 6. SHARED VOTING POWER BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 0 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER EACH REPORTING 0 PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER WITH

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

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United States

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES 6. SHARED VOTING POWER BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER REPORTING PERSON 8. O SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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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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 Richard L. Grubman

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 (a) "

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 4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES 6. 0 SHARES 6. SHARED VOTING POWER BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH 7. O SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER REPORTING PERSON 8. 0 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0 9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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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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 Highfields Capital I LP

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 (a) "

 3. (b) x

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1. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES 6. SHARED VOTING POWER BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER REPORTING PERSON 8. O SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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Highfields Capital II LP
2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) ^{...}
(b) x
3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES 6. 0 SHARED VOTING POWER BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH 7. 0 0 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER REPORTING PERSON 8. 0 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0 9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

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 Highfields Capital III L.P.
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Cayman Islands

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5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES
6.
0
SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY
0
OWNED BY
EACH
7.
0
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING
PERSON
8.
0
SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0 9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

0

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

0.0% 12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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CUSIP No. 141665109 13G/A Page 10 of 17 Pages 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 Name of Person Filing: Item 2 (a). 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): Highfields Capital Management LP, a Delaware limited partnership (Highfields Capital Management) (i) and investment manager to each of the Funds; Highfields GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Highfields GP) and the General Partner of (ii) 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; Richard L. Grubman, a Managing Member of Highfields GP and a Senior Managing Member of (v) 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: 141665109

Item 3. Not applicable.

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Item 4. Ownership.