FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Ad Bhandari /	dress of Reportin	2. Date of Even Requiring State Month/Day/Yea	ment	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LINCOLN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CORP [ LINC ]							
(Last) (First) (Middle)		02/24/2017		Relationship of Reporting Per (Check all applicable)     Director		son(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 03/06/2017			
C/O LINCOLN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CORPORA 200 EXECUTIVE DR., STE 340				X	Officer (give title below)  SVP of Education and	Other (specify below)  Corporate		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person			
(Street) WEST ORANGE	VEST NI 07052								1		y More than One erson
(City)	(State)	(Zip)									
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned											
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)				Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)			2. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securit Underlying Derivative Securit			4. Convers	ersion	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title		Amount or Number of Shares	Exercis Price of Derivati Securit	f ive	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Sto	ck Options(1)		(2)	03/02/2022	2	Common Stock	10,000	7.79	9	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This report amends the Form 3 filed on March 6, 2017 to report the Employee Stock Options under Table II which were not reported in the reporting person's original Form 3.
- 2. Currently exercisable

/s/ Ami Bhandari 03/07/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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