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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 21, 2012

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**Grand Canyon Education, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**001-34211**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**20-3356009**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**3300 W. Camelback Road**  
**Phoenix, Arizona**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**85017**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (602) 639-7500**

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 21, 2012, Grand Canyon Education, Inc. (the “University”) entered into a new credit agreement with Bank of America, N.A. as Administrative Agent and other lenders (the “Agreement”), which refinances the University’s prior indebtedness under the loan agreement with Bank of America, N.A. dated April 8, 2011 (the “Prior Agreement”). The Agreement (a) increases the term loan to \$100 million with a maturity date of December 2019 and decreases the interest rate on the outstanding balance from the BBA Libor Rate plus 200 basis points to the BBA Libor Rate plus 175 basis points, with monthly principal and interest payments, and (b) provides the University a revolving line of credit in the amount of \$50 million through December 2017 to be utilized for working capital, capital expenditures, share repurchases and other general corporate purposes. The Agreement contains standard covenants that are substantially consistent with those included in the Prior Agreement, including covenants that, among other things, restrict the University’s ability to incur additional debt or make certain investments, require the University to maintain compliance with certain applicable regulatory standards, and require the University to maintain a certain financial condition. Indebtedness under the Agreement is secured by the University’s assets and is guaranteed by certain of the University’s subsidiaries.

**Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The information set forth in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

**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, thereunto duly authorized.

GRAND CANYON EDUCATION, INC.

Date: December 26, 2012

By: /s/ Daniel E. Bachus

Daniel E. Bachus

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial and Principal Accounting Officer)