

ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC

Form 4

August 22, 2007

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GCE Holdings LLC

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS,
INC [ACUR.OB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
47 HULFISH STREET SUITE 310
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/10/2005

____ Director ____X____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

PRINCETON, NJ 08542

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/10/2005		C	93,951,081	A (1) 93,951,081	D (2)	
Common Stock	11/10/2005		C	20,246,507	A (3) 114,197,588	D (2)	
Common Stock	11/10/2005		C	48,833,992	A (4) 163,031,580	D (2)	
Common Stock	11/10/2005		C	14,118,114	A (5) 177,149,694	D (2)	
Common Stock	11/10/2005		C	79,175,808	A (6) 256,325,502	D (2)	

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Common Stock	08/20/2007	P	33,333,332	A	<u>(7)</u>	289,658,834	D <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	08/20/2007	P	38,125,924	A	<u>(8)</u>	327,784,758	D <u>(2)</u>

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title Underlying Security (Instr. 3)
						Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	<u>(1)</u>	11/10/2005		C	18,790,216	<u>(1)</u> <u>(1)</u>	Common Stock
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	<u>(3)</u>	11/10/2005		C	20,246,507	<u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock
Series C-1 Convertible Preferred Stock	<u>(4)</u>	11/10/2005		C	48,833,992	<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock
Series C-2 Convertible Preferred Stock	<u>(5)</u>	11/10/2005		C	14,118,114	<u>(5)</u> <u>(5)</u>	Common Stock
Series C-3 Convertible Preferred Stock	<u>(6)</u>	11/10/2005		C	79,175,508	<u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u>	Common Stock
Common Stock Warrants (right to buy)	\$ 0.34	08/20/2007		P	8,333,333	08/20/2007 08/20/2014	Common Stock

Common
Stock
Warrants
(right to
buy)

\$ 0.34 08/20/2007

P 9,531,481

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GCE Holdings LLC 47 HULFISH STREET SUITE 310 PRINCETON, NJ 08542		X		

Signatures

/s/ Dennis Peterson, Attorney-in-fact for Immanuel Thangaraj, its authorized signatory

08/22/2007

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) The Series A Convertible Preferred Stock converted into Acura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Common Stock on a 5-for-1 basis and had no expiration date.

Each of Essex Woodlands Health Ventures V, LLC, as general partner of Essex Woodlands Health Ventures Fund V, L.P., a member of the Reporting Person; Care Capital II, LLC, as general partner of each of Care Capital Investments II, L.P. and Care Capital Offshore Investments II, L.P., each of which is a member of the Reporting Person; Claudius, L.L.C., as general partner of each of Galen Partners III, L.P. and Galen Partners International III, L.P., each of which is a member of the Reporting Person; and Wesson Enterprises, Inc., as general partner of Galen Employee Fund III, L.P., a member of the Reporting Person, beneficially owns the reported securities indirectly, but disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.
- (2)
- (3) The Series B Convertible Preferred Stock converted into Acura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Common Stock on a 1-for-1 basis and had no expiration date.
- (4) The Series C-1 Convertible Preferred Stock converted into Acura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Common Stock on a 1-for-1 basis and had no expiration date.
- (5) The Series C-2 Convertible Preferred Stock converted into Acura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Common Stock on a 1-for-1 basis and had no expiration date.
- (6) The Series C-3 Convertible Preferred Stock converted into Acura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Common Stock on a 1-for-1 basis and had no expiration date.
- (7) The reported securities are included within 8,333,333 Units of Acura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. purchased by the Reporting Person for \$1.08 per Unit.

The reported securities are included within 9,531,481 Units of Acura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. received by the Reporting Person in
- (8) satisfaction of the outstanding aggregate of \$10.294 million in principal amount under the Reporting Person's outstanding bridge loan indebtedness.

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