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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Ayers Jeffrey David

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CAREER EDUCATION CORP
 [CECO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/08/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, General Counsel

CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION, 231 N. MARTINGALE ROAD

(Street)

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

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

SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|------------------------|---|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2018 | | M | | 39,500 | A | \$ 13.32 | 196,472 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2018 | | S | | 39,141 | D | \$ 13.89 | 157,331 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| | | | | | | | ⁽¹⁾ | ⁽²⁾ | | |

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 and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Title | 9. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------|-------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.32 | 03/08/2018 | | M | 39,500 (1) | (4) 03/12/2018 | Common Stock | | 39,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ayers Jeffrey David CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION 231 N. MARTINGALE ROAD SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173 | | | SVP, General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/Jeffrey D. Ayers 03/12/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (1) The option exercise and sale reported on the Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on December 11, 2017.
- (2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$13.68 to \$14.13. The price reported in Column 4 reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide, upon written request, to the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.
- (3) Includes 121,924 restricted stock units granted pursuant to the Career Education Corporation 2008 or 2016 Incentive Compensation Plans, with each unit representing the contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- (4) On March 13, 2008 the Reporting Person was granted 39,500 non-qualified stock options. The option grant vested in four installments on March 13, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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