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## FORM 4

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

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Ayers Jeffrey David Issuer Symbol CAREER EDUCATION CORP (Check all applicable) [CECO] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) CAREER EDUCATION 03/08/2018 SVP, General Counsel CORPORATION, 231 N. MARTINGALE ROAD (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed 4 and 5 (A) or	of (D) 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/08/2018		Code V M	Amount 39,500	(D)	Price \$ 13.32	196,472	D	
Common Stock	03/08/2018		S	39,141 (1)	D	\$ 13.89 (2)	157,331 (3)	D	

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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.32	03/08/2018		M	39,500 (1)	<u>(4)</u>	03/12/2018	Common Stock	39,5

# **Reporting Owners**

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

### **Signatures**

Reporting Person

/s/Jeffrey D.
Ayers

\*\*Signature of 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.
- 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.
- 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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