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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CAREER EDUCATION CORP
 [CECO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 SVP, General Counsel

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION, 231 N. MARTINGALE ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/06/2018

SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2018 | | A | | 7,704 ₍₁₎ | A | \$ 0 130,709 D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2018 | | A | | 7,000 ₍₁₎ | A | \$ 0 137,709 D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2018 | | A | | 19,263 ₍₂₎ | A | \$ 0 156,972 ₍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 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) | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.8 | 03/06/2018 | | A | 25,280 | (4) | | 03/06/2028 | | Common Stock | 25,280 |

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 03/08/2018

**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) Time-based restricted stock units granted pursuant to the Career Education Corporation 2016 Incentive Compensation Plan, with each unit representing the contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock. These units vest in four equal installments on each of March 14, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.
 - (2) Performance-based restricted stock units granted pursuant to the Career Education Corporation 2016 Incentive Compensation Plan, with each unit representing the contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock. This amount represents the maximum possible number of shares that could be issued. These units vest on March 14, 2021, subject to the achievement of certain performance criteria.
 - (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) Exercisable in four equal installments on each of March 14, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

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