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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 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)  
 CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION, 231 N. MARTINGALE ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/04/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP

(Street)  
 SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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)**

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.72	03/04/2013		A	77,572	(1) 03/04/2023	Common Stock	77,572
Cash-Settled RSU	(2)	03/04/2013		A	42,664	(3) 03/14/2017	Common Stock	42,664

## 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	

## Signatures

Greg Jansen as POA for: Jeffrey D. Ayers  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 03/06/2013

## 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) Exercisable in four equal annual installments on each of March 14, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- (2) Each cash-settled RSU is the economic equivalent of one share of Issuer's common stock.
- (3) This grant of cash-settled RSUs was approved by the Compensation Committee of Issuer's Board of Directors on March 4, 2013 pursuant to Issuer's 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan. These cash-settled RSUs vest in four equal installments on each of March 14, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

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