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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): July 22, 2016

Career Education Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 0-23245 (Commission File Number) **36-3932190** (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

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231 N. Martingale Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60173
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (847) 781-3600

Not applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On July 22, 2016, Career Education Corporation (the <u>Company</u>) determined that Jeffrey R. Cooper, Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer, would cease serving in that role as an executive officer of the Company effective July 31, 2016. Mr. Cooper s employment with the Company is anticipated to continue through September 30, 2016 for transition purposes. This change is being implemented in furtherance of the Company s transformation strategy and its initiatives to realign its corporate structure and expenses to achieve greater efficiencies. The Company thanks Mr. Cooper for his dedicated service to the Company and its students. Mr. Cooper is eligible for benefits in accordance with the Company s Executive Severance Plan.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION

By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Ayers
Jeffrey D. Ayers
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

Dated: July 28, 2016