CAREER EDUCATION CORP Form SC 13D/A September 09, 2013

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D (Amendment No. 18)

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share

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(Title of Class of Securities)

141665109

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(CUSIP Number)

Gwen G. Reinke Blum Capital Partners, L.P. 909 Montgomery Street, Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94133

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

September 5, 2013

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Section 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box [].

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The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PER	SON	BLUM CAPITAL	PARTNERS, L.P.
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION N	NO. OF ABOVE PERSON	(ENTITIES ONLY)	94-3205364
2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE	BOX IF A MEMBER OF	A GROUP*	(a) [x] (b) [x]
3. SEC USE ONLY			
4. SOURCE OF FUNDS*			See Item 3
5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSUI PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d)	or 2(e)		[ ]
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I.R.	S. IDENTIF	ICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)	04-3809436
2. CHE	CK THE APP	ROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) [x] (b) [x]
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OWNED BY EACH PERSON WITH	9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	-0-
	10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	7,139,042**
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I.R.S. IDENTIF	CICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)	04-3809438
2. CHECK THE APP	PROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) [x] (b) [x]
3. SEC USE ONLY		
4. SOURCE OF FUN		See Item 3
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12.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	[ ]
	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)	10.6%**
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	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) [x] (b) [x]
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4.	SOURCE OF FUNDS*	See Item 3
	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)	[ ]
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14. TYPE OF REPOR	TING PERSON	O	O (Limited Lia	bility Company)
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1.	 NAME	OF REPOR	TING PERSON		BLUM STRATEGIC PAR	RTNERS IV, L.P.
	I.R.S	. IDENTIF	ICATION NO. (	OF ABOVE PERSO	N (ENTITIES ONLY)	26-0588744
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This Amendment No. 18 amends the Statement on Schedule 13D (the "Schedule 13D") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 15, 2013 by Blum Capital Partners, L.P., a California limited partnership, ("Blum LP"); Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc., a California corporation ("RCBA Inc."); Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Blum GP III"); Blum Strategic GP III, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Blum GP III LP"); Blum Strategic Partners III, L.P., a Delaware limited Partnership ("Blum Strategic III"); Blum Strategic GP IV, L.L.C., a Delaware Limited liability company ("Blum GP IV"); and Blum Strategic GP IV, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Blum GP IV LP"); Blum Strategic Partners IV, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Blum Strategic IV") (collectively, the "Reporting Persons").

This amendment to the Schedule 13D relates to shares of common stock, \$.01 par value per share (the "Common Stock") of Career Education Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"). The principal executive office and mailing address of the Issuer is 231 N. Martingale Road, Schaumburg, Illinois 60173.

The following amendments to the Schedule 13D are hereby made. Unless Otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Schedule 13D as previously amended.

### Item 2. Identity and Background

There have been no changes to Item 2 since the Schedule 13D Amendment filed on August 15, 2013.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Considerations

There have been no changes to Item 3 since the Schedule 13D Amendment filed on December 19, 2007.

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## Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

There have been no changes to Item 4 since the Schedule 13D Amendment filed on February 28, 2012.

## Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a), (b) According to the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 7, 2013, there were 67,084,817 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of July 31, 2013. Based on such information, after taking into account the transactions described in Item 5(c) below, the Reporting Persons report beneficial ownership of the Following shares of Common Stock: (i) 17,779 shares of Common Stock held directly by RCBA Inc., which represents 0.0% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock; (ii) 3,543,826 shares of the Common Stock held by Blum GP III which serves as general partner of Blum GP III LP which, in turn, serves as the general partner of Blum Strategic III, which

represents 5.3% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock; and (v) 3,577,437 shares of the Common Stock held by Blum GP IV which serves as general partner of Blum GP IV LP which, in turn, serves as the general partner of Blum Strategic IV, which represents 5.3% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock.

Voting and investment power concerning the above shares are held solely by Blum LP, Blum GP III and Blum GP IV. The Reporting Persons therefore may be deemed to be members in a group, in which case the group would be deemed to have beneficial ownership of an aggregate of 7,139,042 shares of the Common Stock, which is 10.6% of the outstanding Common Stock. As the sole general partner of Blum LP, RCBA Inc. is deemed the beneficial owner of the securities over which Blum LP has voting and investment power. The filing of this Schedule shall not be construed as an admission that any of the shareholders, directors or executive officers of RCBA Inc. or the managing members and members of Blum GP III, Blum GP III LP, Blum GP IV and Blum GP IV LP, is, for any purpose, the beneficial owner of any of the securities that are beneficially owned by RCBA Inc., Blum GP III LP, Blum GP III, Blum GP IV LP and Blum GP IV.

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(c) The reporting Persons have sold the following shares in the Common Stock of the Issuer since the last 13D Amendment filed on August 15, 2013:

Entity	Trade Date	Shares	Price/Share
For Blum Strategic III for	08-16-2013	29,500	2.7877
which Blum GP III LP serves	08-19-2013	26,000	2.7202
as the general partner and	08-20-2013	46,500	2.7486
for Blum GP III which	08-21-2013	28,200	2.7049
serves as the general	08-22-2013	27,700	2.6625
partner for Blum GP III LP	08-23-2013	71,700	2.7758
	09-04-2013	64,400	2.5810
	09-05-2013	84,900	2.6286
	09-06-2013	64,700	2.6212
	09-09-2013	83,400	2.6532
For Blum Strategic IV for	08-16-2013	29,800	2.7877
which Blum GP IV LP serves	08-19-2013	26,280	2.7202
as the general partner and	08-20-2013	46,843	2.7486
for Blum GP IV which	08-21-2013	28,457	2.7049
serves as the general	08-22-2013	28,031	2.6625
partner for Blum GP IV LP	08-23-2013	72,569	2.7758
	09-04-2013	65,000	2.5810
	09-05-2013	85,700	2.6286
	09-06-2013	65,300	2.6212
	09-09-2013	84,112	2.6532

- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with

Respect to Securities of the Issuer

There have been no changes to Item 6 since the Schedule 13D Amendment filed on November 19, 2008.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit A - Joint Filing Undertaking

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#### SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: September 9, 2013

RICHARD C. BLUM & ASSOCIATES, INC. BLUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P. By: Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc.

its General Partner

By: /s/ Gwen G. Reinke By: /s/ Gwen G. Reinke

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Gwen G. Reinke Gwen G. Reinke

General Counsel and Chief General Counsel and Chief

Compliance Officer Compliance Officer

BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.L.C. BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.P.

By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C.

its General Partner

By: /s/ Gwen G. Reinke By: /s/ Gwen G. Reinke

Gwen G. Reinke Gwen G. Reinke

Member Member

BLUM STRATEGIC PARTNERS III, L.P. BLUM STRATEGIC GP IV, L.L.C.

By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.P.,

its General Partner

By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C.

its General Partner

By: /s/ Gwen G. Reinke By: /s/ Gwen G. Reinke

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Member Member

BLUM STRATEGIC GP IV, L.P.

By: Blum Strategic GP IV, L.L.C.

BLUM STRATEGIC PARTNERS IV, L.P.

By: Blum Strategic GP IV, L.P.,

its General Partner its General Partner

By: Blum Strategic GP IV, L.L.C.

its General Partner

By: /s/ Gwen G. Reinke By: /s/ Gwen G. Reinke

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Member Member

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#### Exhibit A JOINT FILING UNDERTAKING

The undersigned, being duly authorized thereunto, hereby execute this agreement as an exhibit to this Schedule 13D to evidence the agreement of the below-named parties, in accordance with the rules promulgated pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to file this Schedule jointly on behalf of each such party.

Dated: September 9, 2013

RICHARD C. BLUM & ASSOCIATES, INC. BLUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc.

its General Partner

By: /s/ Gwen G. Reinke By: /s/ Gwen G. Reinke

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Gwen G. Reinke Gwen G. Reinke

General Counsel and Chief General Counsel and Chief

Compliance Officer Compliance Officer

BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.L.C. BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.P.

By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C.

its General Partner

By: /s/ Gwen G. Reinke By: /s/ Gwen G. Reinke

Gwen G. Reinke Gwen G. Reinke

Member Member

BLUM STRATEGIC PARTNERS III, L.P. BLUM STRATEGIC GP IV, L.L.C.

By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.P.,

its General Partner

By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C.

its General Partner

By: /s/ Gwen G. Reinke By: /s/ Gwen G. Reinke

Gwen G. Reinke Gwen G. Reinke

Member Member

BLUM STRATEGIC GP IV, L.P.
By: Blum Strategic GP IV, L.L.C. BLUM STRATEGIC PARTNERS IV, L.P.

By: Blum Strategic GP IV, L.P.,

its General Partner its General Partner

By: Blum Strategic GP IV, L.L.C.

its General Partner

By: /s/ Gwen G. Reinke

Gwen G. Reinke

Member

By: /s/ Gwen G. Reinke

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