

## ATTACHMENT 6: SED Education History Data Collection Method Test Condition E

### Condition E: Degree Order by Degree Listing (after doctorate and dissertation research questions)

Postsecondary Degree Listing: Q21, Q22  
 Graduate Program Entry Date: Q23  
 Listed Degree(s): Q24 – Q71  
 Joint Degree(s): Q73

**Degree history questions and response options are same as Condition C listed in Attachment 4, except other postsecondary degrees are ordered based on what the respondent report in Q21. Only the questions are listed below to show the flow.**

### SECTION A2 – POSTSECONDARY DEGREE LISTING

#### Q21

[SHOW ONLY IF Q2=YES (EARNED DOCTORAL DEGREE)] **So far you have told us about your doctorate in [Fill: doctorate field name from Q9-Q11] from [Fill: Institution name]. Please select below all other postsecondary degrees you have earned. When you have selected all of your postsecondary degrees, click the “Next” button.**

| Degree Type  | Year started                         | Year awarded                         |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| – Select Degree – (Up to 6 degrees)  | – Select Year –                      | – Select Year –                      |
| [DISPLAY DEGREE OPTIONS:]<br>Doctoral degree (e.g., PhD, EdD, DSc, DBA, etc.)<br>Professional Doctorate degree (e.g., MD, DO, DDS, DVM, etc.)<br>Master's degree (e.g., MS, MA, MPH, etc.)<br>Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)<br>Associate's degree (e.g., AS, AA)<br>Other postsecondary degree - Please specify | [DISPLAY YEAR OPTIONS:]<br>1955–2018 | [DISPLAY YEAR OPTIONS:]<br>1955–2020 |

RESPONDENT CAN SELECT UP TO 6 DEGREES (INCLUDING SAME DEGREE TYPE MORE THAN ONCE) AND REPORT THE DEGREE START AND AWARD YEARS FOR EACH DEGREE.

IF NO DEGREE IS ENTERED, THEN INCLUDE A SOFT CHECK AND DISPLAY THE FOLLOWING PROMPT:  
**You did not report any other postsecondary degrees that you may have earned after high school. Information about your education degrees is critical for this survey. Please answer the questions as best as you can.**

IF NO BA DEGREE IS ENTERED, THEN INCLUDE A SOFT CHECK AND SHOW THE FOLLOWING PROMPT:  
**You did not report a bachelor’s degree. If you did not earn a bachelor’s degree, please check the box below and click “Next” to continue.**

Did not earn a bachelor’s degree

IF NO MA DEGREE IS ENTERED, THEN INCLUDE A SOFT CHECK AND SHOW THE FOLLOWING PROMPT:  
**You did not report a master’s degree. If you did not earn any master’s degree, please check the box below and click “Next” to continue.**

Did not earn a master’s degree

Go to **Q22** if “Other postsecondary degree” option is selected

Go to Q23 if “Other postsecondary degree” option is NOT selected

Q22

What type of degree is your other postsecondary degree awarded in [Fill: Year awarded in Q21])?

Degree type: [Text box]

Q23

In what month and year did you first enter any graduate program, even if you did not earn a degree?

**LISTED DEGREE(S) INFORMATION ROSTER**

Q24

From which academic institution did you receive your [Fill: Degree type 1 from Q21] that was awarded in [Fill: Degree type 1 awarded year from Q21]?

Q25

What was the field of study for your [Fill: Degree type 1 from Q21] that was awarded in [Fill: Degree type 1 awarded year from Q21]?

Q26

Now we need your help to assign a standardized education code to the field of study for the degree that you just reported. Please review the list below and select one category that best describes the field of study for this degree.

ASK THIS FOR DEGREE 1 REPORTED IN Q21. IF DOCTORATE, ASK FOR SECONDARY FIELD OF STUDY; IF BACHELOR'S ASK FOR SECOND MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY

Q27

Next please select the specific field of study under the broad category:

ASK THIS FOR DEGREE 1 REPORTED IN Q21. IF DOCTORATE, ASK FOR SECONDARY FIELD OF STUDY; IF BACHELOR'S ASK FOR SECOND MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY

Q28

[IF DEGREE TYPE 1 FROM Q21 IS BA] Did you complete a double major for your Bachelor's degree that was awarded in / [IF DEGREE TYPE 1 FROM Q21 IS DOCTORATE] Did you have a secondary field of study for your doctoral degree awarded in [Fill: Degree type 1 awarded year from Q21]?

Q29

[IF DEGREE TYPE 1 FROM Q21 IS DOCTORATE OR BA AND (Q28=Yes (HAS SECOND FIELD))] What was the secondary field of study for your [Fill: Degree type 1 from Q21]?

Q30

Now we need your help to assign a standardized education code to the secondary field of study for the degree that you just reported. Please review the list below and select one category that best describes the field of study for this degree.

Q31

Next please select the specific field of study under the broad category:

Q32 – Q71: Repeat Q24 – Q31 for Degree type 2-6 reported in Q21.

Q72

[IF DEGREE REPORTED IN Q21 DOES NOT INCLUDE ‘ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE’] **Have you ever earned college credit from a community or 2-year college?**

IF Q21 INCLUDES ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE, CODE Q72=YES

### **JOINT DEGREE(S)**

Q73

**Did you earn any of the degrees you reported as part of a joint degree program (sometimes referred to as a combined or dual degree program)?**

### **COGNITIVE TESTING PROBE QUESTIONS**

- 1. You have just finished telling us about your educational history. How easy or difficult was it for you to report the information about all the degrees you have received?**
  - Very easy
  - Easy
  - Neither easy nor difficult
  - Difficult
  - Very difficult
- 2. [If Difficult or Very difficult] What made it difficult to answer the questions about your degrees?**
- 3. [If Difficult or Very difficult] How could we change the questions to make it easier to select an appropriate answer?**
- 4. Are there any other issues you had regarding these field of study questions?**
- 5. How do you organize the education section on your resume or curriculum vitae (CV)?**
  - Chronological order (i.e., reported degree obtained in 2005 first; degree obtained in 2010 last)
  - Reverse-chronological order (i.e., reported degree obtained in 2010 first; degree obtained in 2005 last)
- 6. How did you come up with the details (the institution name and location, field of study, dates) for each degree mentioned?**
- 7. What records did you use to figure out when you started your degrees?**
  - My memory
  - Diploma
  - Yearbook
  - Other–Specify
- 8. Which records did you use to confirm when degrees were awarded?**
  - My memory
  - Diploma
  - Yearbook

- Other-Specify

### **COGNITIVE TESTING PROBE QUESTIONS**

**This is the end of the survey. We will now ask a couple of questions about your overall experience with the survey.**

9. Overall, what did you think of the survey?
10. Other than what we have already discussed, were there any questions that were difficult for you to answer?
11. Other than what we have already discussed, were there other issues with the questions that you would like to mention?

**END**

**This is the end of the survey testing. Your participation will help improve our survey. Thank you!**

**EXIT**