NSSE Shorts
Perceived Value of Education

1. **How confident are you that your experience in [college/university] will help you to do the following?**
Response options: Very much=4, Quite a bit=3, Some=2, Very little=1, Not at all=0
a. Clarify your personal and professional goals [PVEcongoalsS]
b. Find a job that reflects your personality, interests, and values [PVEconpersS]
c. Be financially stable after graduation [PVEconfinanS]

2. How much has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and abilities in the following areas?
Response options: Very much=4, Quite a bit=3, Some=2, Very little=1, Not at all=0
a. Learning more about your interests and potential career(s) [PVEpglearncarS]
b. Being intellectually curious and creative [PVEpgcuriousS]
c. Completing assignments, tasks, and projects efficiently [PVEpgtasksS]
d. Being a thoughtful consumer of media and news information [PVEpgnewsS]
e. Being competitive on the job market [PVEpgmarketS]

3. **How important to you are each of the following?**
Response options: Very important=4, Moderately important=3, Slightly important=2, Not important at all =1
a. Being seen as a ["college-educated"/"university-educated"] person [PVEimeducS]
b. Being seen as a graduate *of this institution* [PVEiminstgradS]
c. Having a high-salaried career [PVEimsalaryS]
d. Having a career that supports work-life balance [PVEimbalanceS]
e. Having a career that aligns with your values and interests [PVEimalignsS]
f. Opportunities to use your strengths and abilities [PVEimstrengthS]
g. Opportunities to be intellectually challenged [PVEimchallengeS]
h. Opportunities to contribute to your community [PVEimcommS]
i. Meeting others' expectations (family, societal, etc.) [PVEimothersS]

4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the value of your [college/university] experience?
Response options: Strongly agree=6, Agree=5, Somewhat agree=4, Somewhat disagree=3, Disagree=2, Strongly Disagree=1
a. So far, what I have gained from my experience at this school is worth the money (cost/debt). [PVEsofarcostS]
b. So far, what I have gained from my experience at this school is worth the time I have spent. [PVEsofartimeS]
c. So far, what I have gained from my experience at this school is worth any challenges I have faced. [PVEsofarchalS]
d. Ultimately, my degree will be worth the money (cost/debt). [PVEultcostS]
e. Ultimately, my degree will be worth the time I spend. [PVEulttimeS]
f. Ultimately, my degree will be worth any challenges I face. [PVEultchalS]
g. Obtaining a [college/university] degree is important to my success in life. [PVEsuccessS]

5. Later in life, what would make you say that your degree was worth it? (5,000 character limit) [PVEworth_txtS]
Response option: Text box