Appendix A

Student/Alumni Interview Protocol

1. With which cohort did you begin the program?
2. Describe your professional experience in education.
   1. Positions held & total years of experience
   2. Current position & years
   3. Degrees & certifications
   4. Additional responsibilities
3. Describe your experiences as a graduate student.
4. Describe your previous experiences with online courses (prior to the online EDLE program).
   1. How did the structure or format of courses offered in the online doctoral program at the South Midwest University compare to the structure or format of other online courses you have taken?
   2. Compare your prior online experiences to your experience in the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University.
   3. Compare your prior experience in face-to-face graduate courses to your experience in graduate courses in the online EDLE doctoral program.
5. Why did you select the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University?
   1. How do you believe others perceive your online doctorate from the South Midwest University?
6. Describe how it made you feel to be involved in the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University.
7. Thinking back to when you were first accepted into the program, compare what you thought at that time your experience would be to what you’ve actually experienced since you have been enrolled.
8. What were your expectations of the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University?
   1. (Knowledge, skills, content, instructional delivery, mentorship, and research experiences, etc.)
9. Compare your expectations of the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University with your experiences in the program.
10. Describe the challenges you experienced in the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University.
11. How has the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University impacted your professional practice?
    1. Describe some experiences that demonstrate how the program impacted your practice.
12. What information would you want to share with a prospective student regarding your experiences in the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University?
13. Describe your relationships with faculty in the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University.
14. Describe your relationships with other students in the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University.
15. If you had to do it all over again, would you still choose the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University? Why or why not?
16. What aspects of the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University were valuable to you as a professional?
17. What aspects of the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University were valuable to you as a person?
18. What aspects of the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University provided no value to you as a person or professional?
19. How have you changed as a result of your experience in the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University?
    1. Provide an example of how the program helped you change in this regard.
20. Overall, what do you believe are the strengths of the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University?
21. Overall, what do you believe are the weaknesses of the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University?
22. What, if anything, do you believe could have improved your experience in the online EDLE doctoral program at the South Midwest University?
    1. If this/these improvement(s) were made, how would it/they add value to the program?