THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE

February 28, 2025

Dr. Kevin Sightler
Substantive Change Office
SACS Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033

Re: Notification – New Program – Graduate Certificate in Pandemic Science

Dear Kevin,

Please accept this letter as notification of a new program, the graduate certificate in Pandemic Science, beginning August 18, 2025.

The new graduate certificate will be offered as a stand-alone or add-on program with 25% new course content. To complete the certificate, students must complete 12 graduate credit hours from a course list. Three (3) credit hours comes from the established required CEM 506 One Health course. The remaining nine (9) credit hours will be selected from elective course options. There is a policy in place stating that no more than two courses can be fulfilled from any one discipline. Therefore, students will be eligible to take only three (3) credit hours from the CEM electives, which is the new content for this program.

This program will be offered face-to-face at the main Knoxville campus and online. The institution has been approved for online delivery since 1998 Please contact me if you need more information.

Sincerely,

Heather Hartman
SACSCOC Liaison

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