What is TaskStream and why use it?

TaskStream is a web-based system for electronic portfolios, academic assessment and reporting. Tools are on-demand and students interact with TaskStream via Internet to access tools, resources, workspaces and their own files whenever they choose to do so.

Accrediting agencies have high expectations that institutions provide thorough evidence of assessment of learning and as the result of the assessment, proof of “continuous improvement” of learning. In an attempt to manage the demands of the entire process and the data generated, more and more colleges are considering online systems to meet their assessment needs. SPCC reviewed several assessment products over a period of six months and faculty voted overwhelming for TaskStream, one of the oldest and most powerful products on the market today.

Why is SPCC using Moodle AND TaskStream?

South Piedmont would not challenge students with two different systems to navigate without reason. Moodle is a course management system and TaskStream is an assessment management system. Although they do have some of the same functions, such as discussion board areas, each fulfills an important need. Moodle is the platform selected to deliver online classes. TaskStream is the platform selected to help assess, document and report authentic assessment results. Students can receive feedback quickly, which students always appreciate since it gives them more time to reflect and improve before the next assignment.

Where do students find instructions for using Taskstream?

Up to date information related to Taskstream and assessment can be found at the following url: https://w.taskstream.com/ts/manager89/SPCCstudentsite.

Students can find the student assessment handbook, the student key code (code used to create/renew Taskstream account), program codes (codes used to access the location to submit your student work), and detailed instructions regarding how to renew an existing account. All students are highly encouraged to review these documents on a regular basis. Instructions are also posted in student Moodle accounts under TaskStream.
Subscribing to Taskstream:

1. Go to: https://www1.taskstream.com

2. From the TaskStream homepage click “Create/Renew Account” located in the top right-hand corner of the screen.

3. New students must select the “Create a new TaskStream subscription” option. Returning students should select “Renew my Taskstream subscription.” Next, enter the student key code under Option 2 – Enter your TaskStream key code, which can be obtained from your instructor or from the Moodle home page. Click Continue.
4. Choose Division/Department of your chosen major.
5. Then choose Program/Department of your chosen major.

6. Then your area, which is your specific major.

7. Next select “Students” for group and then click continue. If you receive a message that you already have an existing TaskStream Account return to Create/Renew account link on the homepage.
8. Fill in Personal Information [use student Gmail for email] and accept the end-user agreement. When creating your username and password, use your SPCC issued username and password.

9. Confirm Registration Information on the following page. Click continue.

10. Click link to TaskStream homepage and enter your username and password to begin using your TaskStream account.
11. Next, ask your instructor for the program code used to access your course submission site. Once students are given the program code by an instructor, they will log into their Taskstream accounts, click on the “code” button and type in their program code. They will then see the course(s) associated with that program code along with assignment instructions. There will also be links to supporting documentation, rubrics, and any other information deposited there by the instructor.

What happens to the students’ work after graduation or when the student stops attending SPCC?

Typically, student work is available up to six (6) months after exiting SPCC. If students are graduating and need or want documentation of their bodies’ of work, they are advised to save it to a CD or one of the other options provided by TaskStream. Students who are returning after a long break will be able to retrieve their previous work.

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