



## NURSING ON THE ROCK NEWS

### St. David's School of Nursing Faculty and Staff Show Their Bobcat Creativity

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A call went out recently to ask faculty, staff, and/or students to create a version of a Bobcat "SuperCat" that would represent their major, academic department or research topic. The St. David's School of Nursing stepped up to the plate and was selected as one of the top contest entries. One of the faculty climbed a ladder to take this photo because our entry was huge.



**How we created it:** We created the SuperCat in our Simulation Lab with items that we use to teach our students about the science and art of nursing. Most of the items are also used by nurses in real-life health care settings. We placed bed-blankets on the simulation lab floor and

completed the outline free-hand using red allergy bands and IV tubing with fake red blood in it. The big tooth of the SuperCat is made with a stylet that we use to insert endotracheal tubes (we bent it to the shape). The yellow AMBU Bag (to resuscitate patients) is SuperCat's ear. Some of the other items that were used included: intravenous (IV) fluid bags, simulated blood and plasma product bags, syringes, needles, medications, tape, IV tubing, feeding bags, oxygen delivery devices, gloves, IV pumps, suction pumps, feeding pumps, suction canisters, blood pressure cuffs, stethoscope, defibrillator, pocket masks, airways, urinary catheters, nasogastric tubes, clamps, scissors, dressings of different sizes, a small sharps disposal container, a box of alcohol swabs, labels that we place on IV bags or tubings, a couple of often referenced textbooks, an IV arm which we use to practice IV insertions, and a baby manikin (we wanted to use some of our adult task trainer manikins, but they were too large in size.). To top it off, we included a nurse's cap and a nurse's lamp to represent nursing.

**Credits:** This SuperCat was created by the following School of Nursing Faculty and Staff: Ms. Regina Jillapalli, Dr. Chris McClanahan, Ms. Alisha Johnson, Ms. Mary Margaret Finney, Dr. Barbara Covington, Ms. Stephanie Patel, Dr. Kim Belcik, Ms. Gay Lynn Armstrong, Mr. Ryan Douglas, and Ms. Virginia Rojo.

To see other contestants' entries, visit: <http://stories.txstate.edu/features/supercat-contest> .