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■ Nurse to head the University of Pennsylvania

Dr. CLAIRE M. FAGIN, dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing from 1977 to 1992, will become the first nurse to head an Ivy League school. She has been named interim president of the University of Pennsylvania, stepping in for Sheldon Hackney, who has been nominated by President Clinton to be chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"That's right, I'm an R.N., a real nurse," Dr. Fagin, who takes over on July 1, said yesterday. She has a number of other credentials: she is Leadership Professor at the nursing school, president of the National League for Nursing and is chairwoman of health promotion and disease prevention at the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

She does not view her appointment as temporary while the university's search committee seeks a permanent president. "This is an institution on the move, and I hope to lend it my own particular stamp," she said. "My goal for it is very broad: to enhance the sense of community here."