

John Achter joined the Office of Student Success in August 2020 as the University of Wisconsin System's first Student Behavioral Health Coordinator.

John supports student behavioral health initiatives and accessibility services, working with counseling, health, and disability services professionals at all of the UW System's campuses. He is a licensed psychologist with over 20 years of experience in higher education as a behavioral health practitioner, counseling center director, and student affairs administrator. He was a staff psychologist for 5 years in the Counseling Center at Concordia College-Moorhead before serving for 13 years as Counseling Center director at UW-Stout. Just prior to joining UW System, he served for 5 years as Associate Dean of Students at UW-Stout, where he chaired the behavior intervention team, was a Title IX investigator, and had supervisory oversight of counseling, health, and TRIO programs. John is passionate about serving students from all backgrounds and draws on positive psychology and trauma-informed approaches in his work.

John earned both M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Counseling Psychology from Iowa State University, and a B.A. in Psychology and Philosophy from Concordia College-Moorhead in Minnesota. His leisure interests include spending time with family, traveling, and many forms of exercise, especially outdoors.