

# CONCENTRATIVE WORK ZONE

## Visual Portfolio

### Function and Concept:

Unlike previously described work settings, the concentrative work zone is a blend of rooms and areas that supports a mobile (internally and externally) population producing primarily individual work.

### Typical Floor Area:

Varies depending on population it serves.

### Technology and Furnishing:

Most of the technology and furnishing requirements are listed in the individual settings introduced earlier. Some areas are combinations of other settings used in particular ratios and adjacencies. The “quiet zone” is a series of open work stations and touch downs in a separate floor area far from disruption. It can be enclosed in a combination of full height and partially glazed walls. In general, data and power connections should be above desk height. Wireless access is a good idea.

### Adjacency and Access:

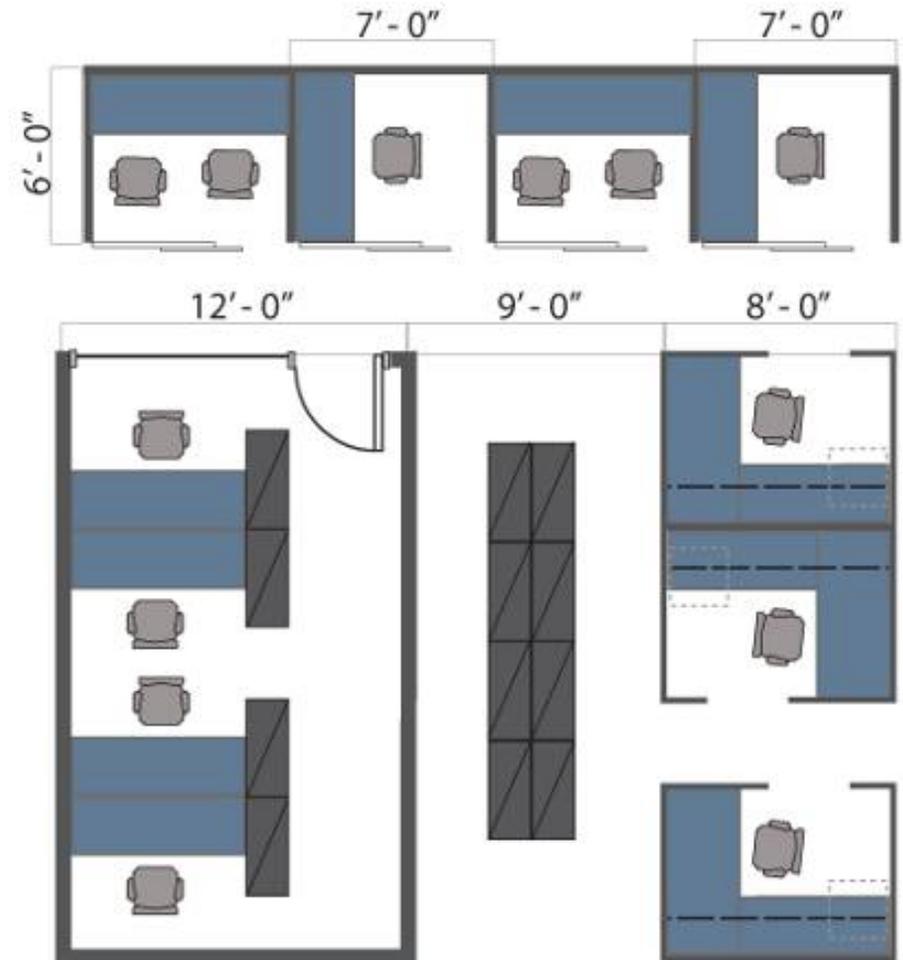
Shared by multiple teams, departments or populations, the concentrative work zone should be centrally located. It should, however, also be separated from major circulation, lobbies or other noisy, disruptive areas. Some concentrative work zones may be used as “members only” enclaves, limiting use to particular individuals, teams, departments perhaps during particular hours. Because many of the settings are full height walls, concentrative zones are best located where they can take full advantage of core to window “leasing depths.”

### General:

Be particularly attentive to clear exit patterns and fire code requirements. Use glazed partitions as much as possible.

### Design Suggestions:

Locate concentrative zones between more open work areas to divide a larger floor plate into “neighborhoods”. Locating a concentrative zone close to a lobby or main circulation hub is possible if the full height architecture (focus rooms, enclosed quiet zones) are used to buffer visual and verbal disruption.



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